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1 **[The Board of Supervisors did not meet in**
2 **closed session Tuesday, September 19, 2006.]**

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS THE
7 INVOCATION AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. WE'RE GOING TO BE LED
8 IN THE INVOCATION BY PASTOR CARY SCHMIDT OF THE LANCASTER
9 BAPTIST CHURCH AND IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY ROBERT
10 SAXSON. IF EVERYBODY WOULD PLEASE RISE FOR THE INVOCATION AND
11 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

12

13 **PASTOR CARY SCHMIDT:** LET'S PRAY. OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, WE COME
14 TO YOU THIS MORNING AND WE RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT YOU GOVERN
15 IN THE AFFAIRS OF MEN AND WE KNOW THAT YOU BLESS AND HONOR
16 THEM THAT HONOR YOU AND THAT YOU PROMISE WISDOM TO THEM THAT
17 ASK. AND SO GOD, I PRAY THIS MORNING THAT YOU WOULD GRANT
18 WISDOM TO THIS MEETING, I THANK YOU FOR THESE SUPERVISORS AND
19 FOR THEIR SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND,
20 LORD, I PRAY THAT YOU WOULD GRANT THEM WISDOM AND
21 UNDERSTANDING AND INSIGHT. I PRAY THAT YOU'D GUIDE THEIR
22 DECISIONS AND I PRAY THAT THEY WOULD HONOR YOU. ABOVE ALL, I
23 THANK YOU FOR GIVING US A SAVIOR AND WE PRAY THIS THIS MORNING
24 IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. AMEN.

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1 **ROBERT SAXON:** PLEASE FOLLOW ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [
2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE WERE LED IN THE INVOCATION BY PASTOR CARY
5 SCHMIDT, WHO HAS SERVED AS THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF THE
6 LANCASTER BAPTIST CHURCH UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PASTOR PAUL
7 CHAPPELLE FOR THE PAST 16 YEARS. EVERY WEEKEND, PASTOR SCHMIDT
8 LEADS THE STUDENT MINISTRIES, WHICH AVERAGES APPROXIMATELY 700
9 STUDENTS FROM ALL OVER THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. HIS OTHER
10 MINISTRIES INCLUDE A 275 VOICE CHOIR AND 40 PIECE ORCHESTRA IN
11 THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLICATION MINISTRIES AS WELL. IN ADDITION,
12 PASTOR SCHMIDT IS A PART-TIME SONGWRITER AND AUTHOR OF THREE
13 BOOKS: "DISCOVER YOUR DESTINY", "HOOK, LINE AND SINKER", AND
14 "DONE". GOT GOOD TITLES FOR YOUR BOOKS. PROVOCATIVE. PASTOR
15 SCHMIDT IS MARRIED AND HE HAS THREE CHILDREN. THANK YOU VERY
16 MUCH FOR LEADING US IN THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING. [APPLAUSE
17]

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THERE'S NO PRESENTATION FOR
20 THE...

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** NO.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THE AGENDA?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN PRO TEM, MEMBERS
2 OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 5, NOTICE
3 OF CLOSED SESSION. WITH RESPECT TO CS-1, ON THIS ITEM, THE
4 DIRECTOR OF BEACHES AND HARBORS REQUESTS THAT THIS CLOSED
5 SESSION ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS UNTIL OCTOBER 3RD, 2006.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 7, UNDER THE SET MATTERS, ITEM S-1.
10 ON THIS ITEM, THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
11 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2006 AND
12 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
13 ITEM.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. IS...

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DR. CLAVREUL.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I KNOW. SHE WANTS TO SPEAK ON IT, SO
20 WE'RE GOING TO HOLD IT AND THEN WE WILL CONTINUE IT. GO AHEAD.
21 NEXT.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY
24 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MS. BURKE MOVES, MR. KNABE SECONDS.

2 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING
5 AUTHORITY. ITEM 1-H AND, ON THIS ITEM, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
6 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS UNTIL OCTOBER
7 3RD, 2006.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 20.
12 ON ITEM 3, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET,
13 SUPERVISOR BURKE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE
14 WEEKS UNTIL OCTOBER 10TH, 2006. EXCUSE ME. I'M SORRY. THAT
15 REQUEST WAS CHANGED TO FOUR WEEKS.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOUR WEEKS. ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
18 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REST ARE BEFORE YOU ALSO.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THE REST, KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS.
23 WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM 21. AND,
2 ON ITEM 21, THERE ARE REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO
3 HOLD THIS ITEM.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THAT WILL BE HELD.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BEACHES AND HARBOR, ITEM 22 AND, ON ITEM
8 22, WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM ONE WEEK UNTIL
9 SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2006, DUE TO A LACK OF FOUR VOTES.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES, ITEM 23. ON
14 ITEM 23, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET, THE
15 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS
16 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2006.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** COUNTY COUNSEL, ITEM 24.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** FIRE DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 25 AND 26. ON ITEM
25 25, WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM ONE WEEK UNTIL



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1 SEPTEMBER 2006 DUE TO A LACK OF FOUR VOTES. SUPERVISOR KNABE
2 AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC ALSO REQUEST THIS ITEM BE
3 HELD. ITEM 26 IS BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** I'M OKAY ON THE CONTINUANCE BUT I GUESS YOU HAVE A
6 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THERE A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WANTS TO
9 BE HEARD ON THAT ITEM? IT'S GOING TO BE CONTINUED. IT'S NOT
10 GOING TO BE ACTED ON TODAY.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT'S PETER BAXTER.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS MR. BAXTER HERE? YES. DO YOU WANT TO BE
15 HEARD ON IT, EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT GOING TO BE ACTED ON TODAY,
16 OR DO YOU WANT TO WAIT UNTIL NEXT WEEK? TODAY? OKAY. FINE.
17 WE'LL HOLD IT, THEN. AND THEN WE WILL CONTINUE IT.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ITEM 26 IS BEFORE YOU.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 27 THROUGH 31. ON
24 ITEM 27, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS
25 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS UNTIL OCTOBER 3RD, 2006. AND ALSO



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1 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
2 ITEM.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL HOLD IT AND THEN WE'LL CONTINUE IT.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 28, THIS IS A 4-VOTE MATTER AND, AS
7 SUCH, WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM ONE WEEK UNTIL
8 SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2006, DUE TO A LACK OF FOUR VOTES.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM 28?

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 28, YES, IT SHOULD BE A 4-VOTE MATTER.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT DOESN'T SAY SO BUT APPARENTLY IT IS.
17 OKAY.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEMS 29, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH
20 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS UNTIL
21 OCTOBER 3RD, 2006. ON ITEM 30, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
22 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK UNTIL SEPTEMBER
23 26TH, 2006. AND ITEM 31 IS BEFORE YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 29 AND 30 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO
2 WEEKS AND ONE WEEK RESPECTIVELY. AND ITEM 31, KNABE MOVES,
3 BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4

5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEM 32.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEM 33.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 34 THROUGH 36.
14 ON ITEMS 34 AND 35, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY REQUESTS THAT THIS
15 ITEM-- OR THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ITEM 36 IS BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. HANG ON A SECOND. BURKE MOVES, KNABE
18 SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE, FOR 36.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. PROBATION, ITEMS 37 THROUGH 39.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEALTH, ITEMS 40 THROUGH 42.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

2

3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 43 AND 44. ON
4 ITEM 43, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET, THE
5 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
6 CONTINUED THREE WEEKS UNTIL OCTOBER 10TH, 2006. ITEM 44 IS
7 BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. ITEM 43 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR THREE
10 WEEKS. ITEM 44, KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 45 THROUGH 50. ON ITEM
13 45, WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM ONE WEEK UNTIL
14 SEPTEMBER 2006 DUE TO A LACK OF FOUR VOTES. ON ITEM 46, THE
15 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
16 ONE WEEK UNTIL SEPTEMBER 26, 2006. ITEMS 47 THROUGH 50 ARE
17 BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ITEM 45 AND 46 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR A WEEK.
20 47 THROUGH 50, BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 51 THROUGH 54. ON ITEM 51,
23 WE WILL NEED TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM ONE WEEK UNTIL SEPTEMBER
24 2006.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ORDERED.

2

3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 52 THROUGH 54 ARE BEFORE YOU.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEM 55.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 56
12 THROUGH 60.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AND I'LL READ
17 THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS AN ORDINANCE
18 AMENDING TITLE 5, PERSONNEL OF THE LOS ANGELES CODE RELATING
19 TO FLEXIBLE BENEFIT PLAN AND NONPENSIONABLE FLEXIBLE BENEFIT
20 PLAN OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS ITEM 61, IT'S RELATED TO ITEM 21, SO
23 LET'S HOLD THAT.

24



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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT. OKAY. AND ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION,
2 ITEMS 62 THROUGH 64.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
7 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
8 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
9 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
10 ITEM 65-A.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MISS BURKE MOVES, MR. KNABE SECONDS.
13 UNANIMOUS VOTE.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 65-B, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
16 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE WILL HOLD IT.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 65-C.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BURKE MOVES, KNABE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 65-D.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** KNABE MOVES, BURKE SECONDS. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

2

3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA.

4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL

5 DISTRICT NO. 2.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE ONE PRESENTATION. WE HAVE

8 A SPECIAL PRESENTATION THIS MORNING IN WELCOMING HIS

9 EXCELLENCY CARLOS GIANELLI DEROIS TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. COME

10 ON FORWARD, YOUR EXCELLENCY. AMBASSADOR GIANELLI HAS A

11 DOCTORATE DEGREE IN LAW AND SOCIAL STUDIES AND JOINED THE

12 FOREIGN MINISTRY IN 1976. AMBASSADOR GIANELLI HAS SERVED AS

13 AMBASSADOR OF URUGUAY TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA, AMMAN,

14 AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES, AS WELL AS KUWAIT. I GUESS IT'S

15 UNITED ARAB EMIRATES AND KUWAIT. I KNOW MY POLITICAL SCIENCE

16 HERE. WE ARE HONORED BY YOUR VISIT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, AND

17 YOU'RE ASSUMING THE NEW POST AS THE CONSUL-GENERAL OF URUGUAY

18 TO LOS ANGELES, AN IMPORTANT POST TO BE SURE, AND WE ARE

19 HONORED BY YOUR VISIT AND THANK THE CONSUL-GENERAL FOR--

20 SORRY. CONSUL-GENERAL GITO IS HERE. COME ON OVER HERE, CONSUL-

21 GENERAL. YOU'RE THE AMBASSADOR-- I HAVEN'T DONE THIS IN FOUR

22 YEARS, SO I BETTER GET USED TO THIS. I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT

23 CONFUSION. WE WELCOME YOU ON YOUR VISIT TO LOS ANGELES AND--

24 WHICH NEVERTHELESS IS AN IMPORTANT PLACE TO VISIT, WE HOPE,

25 AND THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN URUGUAY AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS VERY IMPORTANT AS ARE RELATIONS
2 WITH ALL OF SOUTH AMERICA AND LATIN AMERICA AND WE APPRECIATE
3 YOUR VISIT. WE WANTED TO PRESENT YOU WITH THIS SCROLL, SIGNED
4 BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HONORING YOU
5 ON YOUR VISIT. AMBASSADOR CARLOS GIANELLI DEROIS, ON BEHALF OF
6 THE 10 MILLION PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE
7 WELCOME YOU AND WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THE DOOR IS ALWAYS
8 OPEN FOR YOU TO COME BACK AND VISIT US AGAIN. THANK YOU FOR
9 BEING HERE. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **HIS EXCELLENCY CARLOS GIANELLI DEROIS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO
12 THE PRESIDENT OF THIS BOARD AND IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN
13 LOS ANGELES. WE ARE VISITING LOS ANGELES TO TRY TO STRENGTHEN
14 OUR MUTUAL RELATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF TRADE. IT'S,
15 TO ME, REALLY VERY IMPORTANT TO BE A WITNESS FOR HOW THIS
16 CIVIL SOCIETY IN CALIFORNIA IS WORKING. MY PURPOSE HERE IS TRY
17 TO GIVE YOU A MESSAGE FROM THE PEOPLE OF LATIN AMERICA, WHICH
18 IS THAT WE TAKE QUITE INTEREST IN WHAT IS GOING ON IN
19 CALIFORNIA. CALIFORNIA IS PROBABLY THE STATE OF THE UNION
20 WHICH HAS MORE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE LATIN AMERICAN
21 COUNTRIES. MY COUNTRY, IT IS A PART OF MARGOSUL, I WOULD SAY
22 THAT WE ARE THE HEART OF MARGOSUL, IN BETWEEN BRAZIL AND
23 ARGENTINA. WE FEEL VERY CLOSELY TO YOUR PEOPLE. SO THANK YOU
24 VERY MUCH, AGAIN, MR. CHAIR, FOR THE INVITATION. GO AHEAD WITH
25 YOUR QUESTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, AMBASSADOR. [APPLAUSE
3]

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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7 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D LIKE TO CALL PROFESSOR
8 IRIS STEVENSON, CHOIR DIRECTOR OF CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL ELITE
9 CHOIR AND CHOIR MEMBERS FORWARD AND WE'RE GOING TO BE HONORED
10 WITH A SELECTION FROM THEM AND, I WANT TO TELL YOU, WHILE THEY
11 ARE COMING FORWARD, THAT OF COURSE THEY'VE BEEN UNDER THE
12 WONDERFUL DIRECTION OF PROFESSOR IRIS STEVENSON AND THEY HAVE
13 TRAVELED THE WORLD REPRESENTING THE UNITED STATES IN A GREAT
14 NUMBER OF INVITATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITIONS OVER THE YEARS. THEY
15 HAVE PERFORMED THROUGHOUT FRANCE, SOUTH KOREA, NORTH KOREA,
16 JAPAN AND VIETNAM BUT, MOST RECENTLY, THEY ATTENDED THE 2006
17 WORLD GAMES IN XIAMEN, CHINA AND COMPETED AGAINST ONE STIFF
18 COMPETITION, 400 CHOIRS AND 85 NATIONS. THEY RETURNED HOME
19 WITH ONE GOLD MEDAL, TWO SILVER MEDALS IN HIGHLY COMPETITIVE
20 CATEGORIES AND THE SUCCESS.... [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** ...AND DEVOTION OF THE CHOIR CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO
23 THEIR LEADERSHIP, GUIDANCE AND INSPIRATION FROM IRIS
24 STEVENSON. WE'RE NOW GOING TO HEAR FROM THEM. THANK YOU VERY



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1 MUCH. WE'RE JUST SO PROUD OF YOU! [CHOIR SINGING] [CHOIR
2 SINGING] [APPLAUSE] [CHOIR SINGING] [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW, WE HEAR ALL KINDS OF THINGS ABOUT KIDS
5 AND WE HEAR ALL KINDS OF THINGS ABOUT CRENSHAW BUT WE CAN'T
6 SAY ENOUGH ABOUT HOW CRENSHAW HAS ESTABLISHED A WORLDWIDE
7 REPUTATION FOR THEIR SCHOOL, THIS WONDERFUL CHOIR AND IT'S ALL
8 YOUR DOINGS. YOU HAVE INSPIRED THEM... [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU KNOW, YOU HAVE NOT ONLY BROUGHT OUT THEIR
11 TALENT BUT YOU'VE INSPIRED THEM AND YOU'VE GIVEN THEM AN
12 OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THEY'RE HAVING
13 EXPERIENCES THEY NEVER WOULD HAVE HAD BUT THEY HAVE SOMETHING
14 THEY'LL CARRY WITH THEM THE REST OF THEIR LIVES AND IT'S
15 EXCELLENCE, EXCELLENCE. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND TO THIS
16 CHOIR. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** WOULD YOU SAY A WORD FOR US?

19

20 **IRIS STEVENSON:** OH, I'M... [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

21

22 **IRIS STEVENSON:** (OFF-MIKE). THANK YOU FOR BEING SO KIND TO
23 HONOR US (OFF-MIKE) DEDICATED SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY AND YOU
24 HAVE DONE SO MUCH TO HELP US AND I THINK (OFF-MIKE) [APPLAUSE
25]



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2 **IRIS STEVENSON:** (OFF-MIKE) THAT LOOK A LITTLE OLDER, THEY
3 HAVEN'T JUST BEEN IN 12TH GRADE FOR SO LONG. <LAUGHTER>
4 THEY'VE GRADUATED. THOSE ARE OUR MENTORS AND WE APPRECIATE
5 THEM FOR BEING HERE. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** WONDERFUL! WHO I WENT TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH. SO I
8 KNOW SHE'S NOT IN CRENSHAW BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU, SHE IS--
9 SHE WAS A DISTINGUISHED MUSICIAN AND WE ALL ARE JUST SO
10 PLEASED THAT SHE'S PART OF THIS TODAY AND... [APPLAUSE] [
11 INDISTINCT CONVERSATION]

12

13 **IRIS STEVENSON:** WE HAVE THE WORLD CHOIR GAMES IN XIAMEN,
14 CHINA, IN WHICH WE REPRESENTED THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
15 WE WERE SO PROUD TO DO THAT, AND... [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **IRIS STEVENSON:** ...THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THE OPPORTUNITY,
18 SUPERVISOR BURKE, BECAUSE IT'S THROUGH YOUR MEANS AND OTHERS
19 SO SUPPORTIVE OF US, WE'RE SO PROUD TO GIVE YOU JUST A SYMBOL
20 FROM THE GAMES.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. [CHEERS AND APPLAUSE]

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24 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU WANT TO TAKE A PICTURE WITH
25 THEM, RIGHT? OKAY. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE. CRENSHAW HIGH
3 SCHOOL'S ONE OF THE GREAT PRIDES OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CHOIR
4 IS AT THE TOP OF THE LIST. IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU. COME BACK
5 ANY TIME.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU!

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S A GOOD WAY TO START A MEETING.

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11 **SUP. BURKE:** WE'D LIKE TO CALL DR. PEARL GRIMES FORWARD.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MS. BURKE, CAN I ASK YOUR INDULGENCE FOR ONE
14 SECOND? SUPERVISOR KNABE HAS A SPECIAL PRESENTATION.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND, AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS
17 TO CRENSHAW. GET TO SEE THEM OUT AT THE CENTER FOR PERFORMING
18 ARTS. YES. WE'LL SEE YOU OUT THERE. MR. CHAIRMAN, AS WE
19 WELCOME THE AMBASSADOR FROM URUGUAY TODAY, WE ALSO HAVE A
20 VERY-- ANOTHER GREAT WELCOME WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND HERE IN LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY AND IT'S MY PLEASURE TO EXTEND A WELCOME TO
22 BAYAN RAHMAN AND HER DELEGATION FROM IRAQ, KURDISTAN, WHO HAVE
23 TRAVELED HERE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO HELP TELL THE STORY OF
24 THE OTHER IRAQ. KURDISTAN IS A DISTINCT GOVERNMENT REGION THAT
25 CONSISTS OF THE THREE NORTHERN PROVINCES IN IRAQ. THEY HAVE



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1 THEIR OWN SECURITY FORCE, THEIR OWN LOCAL LAWS, AND HAVE HAD
2 IN PLACE A DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE PAST DECADE.
3 THAT DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT GOT A GREAT BOOST FROM THE NO-FLY
4 ZONES THAT WERE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES AND BRITISH
5 AIRCRAFT DURING THE 1990S. WE WELCOME YOU TO LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT TRADE AND INVESTMENT BETWEEN OUR
7 NATIONS HELP US TO BRING ABOUT BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN THE
8 NATIONS AND THEIR PEOPLE. WE WISH YOU, WE WISH THE FOLKS AND
9 THE PEOPLE OF KURDISTAN THE BEST AND WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **BAYAN SAMI ABDUL RAHMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT VERY WARM
13 WELCOME TO LOS ANGELES. WE ARE HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
14 THIS WEEK AS PART OF OUR LONG-TERM STRATEGY BY THE PEOPLE OF
15 IRAQI KURDISTAN TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT OUR REGION'S
16 STABILITY, PEACEFULNESS AND POTENTIAL FOR INVESTMENT. WE HAVE
17 BEEN AND WE CONTINUE THIS WEEK, WE HAVE BEEN SPEAKING TO
18 AMERICAN INVESTORS, EXCUSE ME, AND BUSINESSMEN ABOUT THE
19 FAVORABLE CONDITIONS IN KURDISTAN IN IRAQ. PRIME MINISTER
20 NECHERVAN IDRIS BARZANI, THE PRIME MINISTER OF OUR REGION, HAS
21 JUST ANNOUNCED AN EXCITING NEW INVESTMENT LAW WHICH HAS BEEN
22 APPROVED BY OUR PARLIAMENT. THIS WILL LEAD TO MANY NEW
23 OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN INVESTORS, ENTREPRENEURS AND
24 COMPANIES TO PROFIT FROM THE SUCCESS OF KURDISTAN. THAT'S A
25 WIN-WIN, BOTH FOR THE PEOPLE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN AND THE PEOPLE



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1 OF THE UNITED STATES. THE KURDISTAN REGIONAL GOVERNMENT
2 STUDIED THE INVESTMENT LAWS OF MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN
3 DRAFTING ONE OF THE MOST INVESTOR-FRIENDLY LAWS IN THE MIDDLE
4 EAST, ONE THAT ALLOWS FOR FULL OWNERSHIP AND FOR REPATRIATION
5 OF PROFITS. AMERICAN INVESTORS WILL GET THE SAME SUPPORT AND
6 COOPERATION AS NATIONAL INVESTORS. THESE EXCITING DEVELOPMENTS
7 AREN'T JUST GOOD FOR KURDISTAN AND THE AMERICAN COMPANIES WHO
8 INVEST THERE, THEY ARE GOOD FOR ALL OF IRAQ AND THAT IS
9 HELPFUL IN BRINGING INCREASED SECURITY AND INCREASED STABILITY
10 TO GREAT-- TO THE WHOLE OF THE MIDDLE EAST. WE BELIEVE THAT
11 KURDISTAN, WHICH IS ALREADY SERVING AS THE COMMERCIAL GATEWAY
12 TO THE REST OF IRAQ, WILL ALSO BE A BEACON FOR PEACE IN THE
13 MIDDLE EAST. THE IRAQI MARKET IS LARGE AND COMPANIES THAT
14 ENTER THIS MARKET CAN LAUNCH THEIR ENTERPRISES FROM KURDISTAN.
15 WE ALREADY HAVE BRITISH, GERMAN AND MANY COMPANIES FROM THE
16 MIDDLE EAST OPERATING IN KURDISTAN. WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE,
17 THOUGH, IS MORE COMPANIES FROM AMERICA AND, OF COURSE,
18 PARTICULARLY FROM LOS ANGELES OPERATING AND INVESTING IN OUR
19 REGION. THE FIRST STEP IS TO INVITE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN,
20 ENTREPRENEURS AND INVESTORS TO COME TO OUR REGION. PEOPLE
21 IMAGINE KURDISTAN TO BE LIKE OTHER PARTS OR CERTAIN PARTS OF
22 IRAQ. WHILE KURDISTAN IS PART OF IRAQ, IT IS PEACEFUL, IT IS
23 STABLE AND WE ARE GOING AHEAD WITH OUR LIVES AND WE ARE MOVING
24 FORWARD TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE. KURDISTAN EVEN LOOKS DIFFERENT
25 FROM HOW MANY OF YOU IMAGINE. WE HAVE MOUNTAINS, WE HAVE



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1 RIVERS AND GREEN VALLEYS AND, OF COURSE, WE ARE VERY PROUD OF
2 THE BEAUTY OF OUR LAND. WE WANT PEOPLE LIKE YOU TO COME TO OUR
3 REGION TO SEE FOR YOURSELVES AND TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS
4 THIS OTHER IRAQ WHICH IS THANKFUL FOR BEING LIBERATED FROM
5 SADDAM HUSSEIN. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PEOPLE OF
6 AMERICA FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE DEMOCRACY IN
7 IRAQ, AN OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE NEVER HAD BEFORE. I WOULD
8 LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME TO KURDISTAN AND TO SEE FOR
9 YOURSELVES THAT KURDISTAN IS PEACEFUL AND STABLE AND, AS OUR
10 TELEVISION COMMERCIALS SAY, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO
11 COME TO SHARE THE DREAM. WE HAVE MANY NEEDS IN KURDISTAN IN
12 OUR NEW CHAPTER IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR REGION. WE NEED
13 BETTER HOSPITALS, BETTER ROADS, A BETTER SCHOOL SYSTEM. THESE
14 NEEDS PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICAN COMPANIES AND
15 AMERICAN INVESTORS. SO, FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR
16 GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE IN LOS ANGELES AND TO
17 THANK YOU FOR THE VERY, VERY WARM WELCOME AND IT'S AN HONOR
18 FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WISH OUR C.A.O. SPOKE WITH SUCH A
21 DIGNIFIED BRITISH ACCENT BUT YOU CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING, MR.
22 JANSSEN. MS. BURKE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** NO BRITISH ACCENT HERE, EITHER. TOO MUCH LOS
25 ANGELES. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD DR. PEARL E. GRIMES, FOUNDER



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1 OF THE COALITION OF AT-RISK URBAN YOUTH AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR
2 OF VITILIGO AND PIGMENTATION INSTITUTE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.
3 DR. GRIMES, WE'RE SO PLEASED TO HAVE YOU HERE, IS AN ADVOCATE
4 FOR CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THE DISADVANTAGED. SHE WEARS A NUMBER
5 OF HATS WHEN IT COMES TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF THE LESS
6 FORTUNATE. SHE HAS LAUNCHED THE ORGANIZATION, COALITION FOR
7 AT-RISK YOUTH, TO HELP YOUTH ON A VARIETY OF FRONTS, INCLUDING
8 PROVIDING FREE CARE FOR SKIN DISORDERS THAT CAN GO UNTREATED
9 AMONG POORER YOUTH. SHE'S AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED
10 DERMATOLOGIST. SHE'S FOUNDER AND MEDICAL DIRECTOR OF VITILIGO-
11 - IS THAT CORRECT? VITILIGO AND PIGMENTATION INSTITUTE OF
12 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE INSTITUTE IS DEDICATED TO ADVANCING
13 TREATMENT IN PATIENTS WITH VITILIGO AND A PIGMENTATION
14 DISORDER-- AND OTHER PIGMENTATION DISORDERS OFTEN DISMISSED AS
15 SIMPLY COSMETIC. SHE'S ALSO CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF DERMATOLOGY
16 AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES, DAVID GEFFEN
17 SCHOOL OF MEDICINE. SHE HAS AUTHORED MORE THAN 100
18 PROFESSIONAL ARTICLES AND ABSTRACTS, HAS BEEN LISTED IN THE
19 BEST DOCTORS IN AMERICA FIVE YEARS RUNNING FROM 2000 TO 2005.
20 IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT WE RECOGNIZE HER AND THANK HER
21 FOR ALL OF THE WORK SHE'S DONE FOR HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE AND
22 KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CONGRATULATIONS. [
23 APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **DR. PEARL E. GRIMES:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. IT REALLY IS AN HONOR
2 TO BE HERE AND TO BE RECOGNIZED BY SUPERVISOR BURKE AND THE
3 COUNTY FOR OUR WORK. I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP SEVERAL OTHER
4 PEOPLE AS I TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT OUR ORGANIZATION
5 HAS ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE LAST YEAR AND WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO
6 DO IN THE FUTURE. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP SANDY BLAYDAU, MY FRIEND
7 OF 25 YEARS, GLENDA WINA AND MARION HALL. THESE ARE WOMEN WHO
8 ARE ON THE BOARD OF THE COALITION FOR AT-RISK YOUTH. MY OTHER
9 FOUNDING BOARD MEMBERS INCLUDE GRACE SORIANA, JULIE URBANIC,
10 SERGEI NELSON, CALLIE GAZELI AND CANDRA KING. AS SUPERVISOR
11 BURKE JUST MENTIONED, I'M A DERMATOLOGIST AND IT IS INDEED MY
12 PASSION BUT MY PASSION IS ALSO CHILDREN. WE FOUNDED THE
13 COALITION FOR AT-RISK YOUTH A YEAR AGO AND OUR MISSION IS TO
14 MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF DISENFRANCHISED INNER CITY
15 YOUTH THROUGH EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE, AS A DERMATOLOGIST,
16 OBVIOUSLY SKIN CARE, AND WE WANT TO IMPROVE THE SELF-ESTEEM OF
17 KIDS WHO ARE NO DOUBT DEVASTATED BY SKIN DISEASES. IN LESS
18 THAN SIX MONTHS, WE WERE ABLE TO HAVE A VERY SUCCESSFUL GALA
19 FUNDRAISER AT THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL LAST MAY. THE FUNDS THAT
20 WE WERE ABLE TO GENERATE ALLOWED US TO MAKE A 90,000-DOLLAR
21 DONATION TO A PLACE CALLED HOME IN SOUTH CENTRAL. IN
22 ADDITION... [APPLAUSE]

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24 **DR. PEARL E. GRIMES:** IN ADDITION, WE ALSO HAD A WONDERFUL
25 SUMMER CAMP FOR 20 CHILDREN. IT WAS A DAY CAMP AT A PLACE



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1 CALLED HOME. MANY OF THESE KIDS HAD SKIN DISEASES, INCLUDING
2 VITILIGO, SEVERE ECZEMA. THE CHILDREN HAD A WONDERFUL
3 EXPERIENCE. SO WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU, AS WELL AS
4 MY OTHER WONDERFUL BOARD MEMBERS WHO I CANNOT TELL YOU HOW
5 HARD THESE WOMEN HAVE WORKED TO MAKE OUR ORGANIZATION A
6 SUCCESS AND I JUST COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER BOARD. THEY ARE
7 MAGNIFICENT. BUT WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU IS THAT
8 WE REALLY WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN.
9 WHAT DO I FEEL WE CAN BRING TO YOU? I WANT TO ENGAGE-- WE WANT
10 TO ENGAGE THE FOSTER CHILDREN OF LOS ANGELES AND THE COUNTY
11 AND WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO GIVE AND OFFER FREE TREATMENT OF
12 THESE KIDS WITH DEBILITATING SKIN DISEASES. I THINK IF YOU
13 TREAT SKIN DISEASE, YOU CAN MAKE KIDS FEEL MUCH BETTER ABOUT
14 THEMSELVES. WHEN YOU GIVE A CHILD SELF-ESTEEM, THERE'S NO
15 MOUNTAIN THAT THEY CANNOT CLIMB. SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL
16 ABOUT, SO WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO GROW AND BRING KIDS IN FROM
17 THE FOSTER SYSTEM OF LOS ANGELES. AND, AGAIN, I THANK YOU SO
18 MUCH FOR RECOGNIZING THE COALITION FOR AT-RISK YOUTH. AND WE
19 WANT TO WORK FOR LOS ANGELES AND THE CHILDREN.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE:** WE NOW WOULD LIKE TO CALL FORWARD TORRENCE
24 BRANNON-REESE, FOUNDER OF SEE A MAN, BE A MAN. MR. BRANNON-
25 REESE IS A TRUE RENAISSANCE MAN. HE'S A TALENTED GUITAR



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1 PLAYER, SINGER, INNOVATIVE EDUCATOR AND LECTURER. IN 1989,
2 WHILE A STUDENT AT L.A. SOUTHWEST COLLEGE, HE SURVIVED A NEAR
3 DEATH EXPERIENCE AFTER BEING SHOT. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY
4 INSPIRED TO CREATE HIS NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, FAMILY, INC.,
5 WHICH IS COMMITTED TO EDUCATING AT-RISK YOUTH AND COMMUNITY
6 AND TO PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY ARTS AND CULTURE. IN 1995, HE
7 FOUNDED SEE A MAN, BE A MAN, A MENTORING RITES OF PASSAGE
8 PROGRAM THAT NOW SERVICES OVER 100 YOUNG MEN AT AUDUBON MIDDLE
9 SCHOOL. THE PROGRAM CHALLENGES YOUTH TO IDENTIFY AND
10 ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR GREATNESS AND POTENTIAL WHILE UTILIZING AN
11 INNOVATIVE CURRICULUM DEVELOPED BY MR. BRANNON-REESE CALLED
12 THE ROOT CURRICULUM. THE CURRICULUM FOCUSES ON NINE PRIMARY
13 AREAS OF LIFE: SPIRITUALITY, EDUCATION, ECONOMICS, CULTURE,
14 CAREER, POLITICS, HEALTH, FAMILY AND PERSONAL LIFE. MOST
15 IMPORTANTLY, THE PROGRAM PROVIDES CONSISTENT, CARING ROLE
16 MODELS FOR YOUNG MEN. HE'S ALSO PROGRAM DIRECTOR FOR T.H.E.
17 CLINIC, L.A. BRIDGES GANG PREVENTION PROJECT AT AUDUBON MIDDLE
18 SCHOOL. IT IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL
19 TO TORRENCE BRANNON-REESE FOR HIS EXEMPLARY DEDICATION TO
20 YOUNG PEOPLE AND, OF COURSE, WE'RE A PARTNER WITH T.H.E. [
21 APPLAUSE]

22

23 **TORRENCE BRANNON-REESE:** I WANT TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE
24 AND ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS HERE THIS MORNING, EVERYBODY HERE
25 IN THE AUDIENCE. THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR. THIS HONOR IS NOT



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1 JUST FOR ME, IT'S FOR THE CHILDREN THAT I SPEND MOST OF MY
2 TIME WITH OVER AT AUDUBON SCHOOL AND THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF
3 LOS ANGELES. I WANT TO THANK GOD FOR MY LIFE AND THE LIVES OF
4 THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE ME THAT PAVED THE WAY FOR US TO CALL
5 OURSELVES FREE HUMAN BEINGS TODAY HERE IN AMERICA. I WANT TO
6 THANK MY ELDERS WHO TAUGHT ME LESSONS THAT I CARRIED
7 THROUGHOUT MY LIFE AND I WANT TO THANK MY MOTHER, ESPECIALLY,
8 FOR PROVIDING ME WITH A LOVE OF READING, A LOVE OF EDUCATION
9 AND LEARNING. I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALSO AGAIN THE T.H.E.
10 CLINIC AND THE OPPORTUNITY I'VE HAD THERE TO SERVE AS PROJECT
11 DIRECTOR FOR L.A. BRIDGES FOR THE PAST 7 YEARS. I ALSO WANT TO
12 THANK THE MEMBERS OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN SUMMIT ON VIOLENCE
13 PREVENTION, CECIL "CHIP" MURRAY, CARMEN MADDOCKS, DR. STANLEY
14 FIELDS AND OTHERS, WHO I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD WITH
15 FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS TRYING TO STOP THE VIOLENCE IN THE
16 COMMUNITY. AND I WANT TO THANK THE MEMBERS OF FAMILY
17 ORGANIZATION, THOSE WHO HELPED PUT ON THE ANNUAL MALCOLM X.
18 FESTIVAL AND MANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT WE DO. YOU KNOW, THREE
19 MEN SITTING IN THE AUDIENCE NOW THAT I HOPE THEY WERE UP HERE
20 ON THE STAGE WITH ME, SOME OF THE MENTORS IN THE PROGRAM, BUT
21 THEY'RE SHY, THEY DON'T WANT TO COME UP SO THAT'S ALL RIGHT.
22 CONGRATULATE THEM ANYWAY. SOME OF THE MENTORS. [APPLAUSE]
23
24 **TORRENCE BRANNON-REESE:** I DIDN'T PREPARE ANY KIND OF SPEECH. I
25 JUST WANT TO EXPRESS THAT I FEEL BLESSED AND HONORED TO WORK



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1 WITH YOUNG PEOPLE. I FEEL THAT, GROWING UP THE WAY I DID
2 WITHOUT A FATHER IN THE HOME, PREPARED ME FOR THE WORK THAT
3 I'M DOING TODAY AND I ALWAYS TELL YOUNG PEOPLE THAT I
4 UNDERSTAND WHERE THEY'RE AT AND I DON'T TRY TO SPEAK DOWN TO
5 THEM. I TRY TO LISTEN, I TRY TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH THEM
6 AND REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY'RE GOING THROUGH AND ALL I
7 HAVE TO DO MANY TIMES IS DRAW BACK ON MY OWN EXPERIENCES. AND
8 I WILL SAY THAT I KNOW THAT THEY CAN BE SUCCESSFUL. MY THREE
9 BROTHERS AND I COME FROM A FATHERLESS HOME BUT WE ALL HAVE OUR
10 COLLEGE EDUCATION, NONE US ARE ON DRUGS, WE ALL TAKE CARE OF
11 OUR CHILDREN AND HAVE BRIGHT FUTURES IN FRONT OF US, AND SO I
12 HAVE LIVED THE SUCCESS THAT I HOPE AND PRAY FOR IN THESE YOUNG
13 CHILDREN. SO I WANT TO JUST EXPRESS TO EVERYBODY OUT HERE THAT
14 WE CAN WIN THIS WAR, THIS WAR AGAINST VIOLENCE, THE WAR
15 AGAINST DRUGS AND ALL OF THE OTHER NEGATIVE THINGS THAT ARE
16 HAPPENING IN SOCIETY TODAY. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS TIME, I
17 APPRECIATE IT, THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISOR. PEACE, LOVE AND
18 BLESSINGS TO EVERYBODY. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES OUR
21 PRESENTATION.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. KNABE, ANY PRESENTATIONS? NO? OKAY. I'VE
24 HAD A REQUEST FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFICE. THEY WANTED TO
25 ASK US TO RECONSIDER ITEMS 37, 38 AND 39, WHICH IS PROBATION



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1 ITEMS, UNTIL NEXT WEEK, I UNDERSTAND, FOR A MOTION SHE WOULD
2 LIKE TO MAKE NEXT WEEK THAT IS NOT IN CONFLICT WITH THESE AND
3 I DON'T THINK THERE'S A PROBLEM, ALTHOUGH THE CONTRACTS EXPIRE
4 ON SEPTEMBER 30TH, SO THIS WOULD LEAVE LESS THAN A WEEK-- OR
5 ABOUT A WEEK, SO-- LESS THAN A WEEK. SO I DON'T KNOW IF
6 THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH CONTINUING IT. IF WE CAN HEAR FROM THE
7 PROBATION PEOPLE, IF THEY'RE STILL HERE BUT, IF THERE'S NOT
8 AND IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION FROM THE BOARD MEMBERS...

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** I MOVE RECONSIDERATION.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED-- WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S
13 RECONSIDERED, AND WE'LL PUT IT OVER TILL NEXT TUESDAY, OKAY,
14 37, 38, 39. ON ITEMS 34 AND 35, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT THAT ITEM
15 BE PUT OVER ONE WEEK, IF THAT'S ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
16 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. ALL RIGHT. MS. BURKE, YOU'RE UP FIRST.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** I MOVE THAT, WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
19 THE MEMORY OF DOROTHY C. STEWART, LONG-TIME EMPLOYEE OF
20 CHARLES R. DREW UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND SCIENCE HEAD START
21 PROGRAM, WHO PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER THE 12TH, 2006, AT THE
22 AGE OF 75. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY, ONE SON, MICHAEL
23 STEWART, THREE DAUGHTERS, MARILYN WILLIAMS, BRENDA GARRETT,
24 AND DEBORAH FINNEY, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND NINE GREAT-
25 GRANDCHILDREN. AND VIRGINIA "BOOTSIE" POWELL-MONTALBANO, WHO



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1 PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 12TH. SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER
2 MEMORY HER HUSBAND, MARK, AND HER SISTER, MARY CLAIRE POWELL.
3 AND CLARENCE BLANTON, SR., THE FATHER OF KATHLEEN BROWN,
4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SUGAR RAY ROBINSON YOUTH FOUNDATION
5 WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY ONE
6 SON, CLARENCE BLANTON, JR., AND TWO DAUGHTERS, MAUREEN AND
7 KATHLEEN. AS WELL, I'D LIKE TO ALSO ASK TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY
8 OF OLGA JOINER HEROD, LONG-TIME SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT WHO
9 PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 8TH AT THE AGE OF 96. SHE LEAVES TO
10 CHERISH HER MEMORY HER FIVE DAUGHTERS: JEAN GRISHAM, JOAN
11 CARSON, JOYCE HAMILTON, JACQUELINE HEROD, AND JANICE HEROD,
12 TWO SONS, JAMES HEROD, III, AND JULES HEROD, 10 GRANDCHILDREN
13 AND 14 GREAT- GRANDCHILDREN.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO ORDERED, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL UP ITEM 21.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD
22 ON THIS ITEM. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST IS, IN LIGHT OF THE
23 NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD, THAT 90 SECONDS FOR
24 EACH PERSON WILL BE THE TIME, IF YOU CAN DO THAT, OKAY. ALL



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1 RIGHT. I'M GOING TO CALL THREE PEOPLE AT A TIME. BRIAN BROOKS,
2 DANIEL VILLAO, AND JOHN REES.

3

4 **BLAIN MEEK:** WITH THE CHAIR'S INDULGENCE, I'M BLAIN MEEK, THE
5 CURRENT CHAIR OF THE COALITION. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE
6 OPENING REMARKS FOR THE COALITION.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. LET'S MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR CARD,
9 BLAIN. YES, WE DO. GO AHEAD.

10

11 **BLAIN MEEK:** FIRST, SUPERVISORS, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
12 AGREEING TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM ONE WEEK TO GIVE THE COALITION
13 AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THE SUBJECT DOCUMENT AND TO MEET WITH
14 YOUR E-BACK MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS HOW IT
15 PERTAINS TO THE COUNTY WORKERS THAT OUR AFFILIATES REPRESENT.
16 I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO
17 ADDRESS YOU TODAY ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT. WE'RE NOT
18 APPROACHING THIS FROM AN ADVERSARIAL POSITION, WE DON'T SEE IT
19 AS A LABOR VERSUS MANAGEMENT ISSUE. WE, IN TERMS OF PROVIDING
20 AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE, ARE ON THE SAME SIDE AND WE SEE
21 OURSELVES AS PARTNERS TO FURTHER WHAT WE BELIEVE IS OUR MUTUAL
22 GOAL: TO SEE THAT COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE TREATED FAIRLY AND TO
23 ENSURE THAT THEY HAVE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE. AFTER
24 REVIEWING THE DOCUMENT AND OUR MEETING WITH YOUR E-BACK
25 MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES, WE ARE DISMAYED THAT THE STAFF IS



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1 RECOMMENDING THAT YOU ACCEPT THE DOUBLE DIGIT KAISER RATE
2 INCREASE THAT WOULD ULTIMATELY BE PASSED ON TO THE COUNTY AND
3 THE EMPLOYEES WE REPRESENT WITHOUT HAVING ANY IDEA WHETHER
4 THIS ADDITIONAL COST IS JUSTIFIED. NEITHER YOUR STAFF NOR YOUR
5 CONSULTANTS YOU EMPLOY TO ANALYZE AND VALIDATE THE MEDICAL
6 INSURANCE RATES HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET THE SUFFICIENT DATA TO
7 JUSTIFY KAISER'S RATE INCREASE. AND, IN THOSE DOCUMENTS,
8 MERCER, YOUR CONSULTANT, ADMITS THAT THEY HAVEN'T GOT THE
9 JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS DOUBLE DIGIT RATE INCREASE. JUST A WEEK
10 AGO WHEN WE MET WITH YOUR E-BACK MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVES,
11 WE FOUND OUT AN ADDITIONAL CRITICAL PIECE OF INFORMATION THAT
12 WE WANTED TO BRING TO YOU ATTENTION. YOUR CONSULTANT ADVISED
13 US THAT KAISER'S ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS HAVE SKYROCKETED BY 78%.
14 NOW, WE SUBMIT THAT NO ORGANIZATION, WHETHER IT BE THE COUNTY
15 OF LOS ANGELES OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION, COULD SIMPLY ACCEPT
16 SUCH A SKYROCKETING ADMINISTRATIVE COST WITHOUT ANY
17 JUSTIFICATION, YET THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT KAISER HAS DONE HERE.
18 THEY HAVE REFUSED TO JUSTIFY THE RATE AND THAT COMPONENT OF
19 THE RATE AS WELL. IT IS SIMPLY OUTRAGEOUS. I CAN'T IMAGINE
20 THIS BOARD HAVING ONE OF YOUR DEPARTMENTS COME TO YOU,
21 D.P.S.S., FOR EXAMPLE AND SAY, "HEY, OUR ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS
22 HAVE SHOT UP BY 78% BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY JUSTIFICATION."
23 YOU'D BE OUTRAGED AND JUSTIFIABLY SO.
24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BLAIN, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO KIND OF FOCUS
2 IN ON WHAT IS IT YOU'RE ASKING THE BOARD TO DO TODAY.

3

4 **BLAIN MEEK:** OKAY. THAT'S FINE. BECAUSE THESE RATES ARE
5 UNJUSTIFIED, WE ARE ASKING THE SUPERVISORS TO REJECT THE
6 KAISER RATE INCREASE AND DEMAND CREDIBLE, IMMEDIATE
7 JUSTIFICATION FOR THE RATES NOW. AFTER THE RATES ARE PUT IN
8 PLACE JANUARY 1ST, IT'S TOO LATE FOR EVERYONE. IT'S TOO LATE
9 FOR THE COUNTY AND THE TAXPAYERS. IT'S TOO LATE FOR THE COUNTY
10 EMPLOYERS WHO ARE GOING TO ABSORB SOME OF THIS COST THAT RELY
11 ON KAISER. YOU HAVE TREMENDOUS POWER AS PUBLIC OFFICIALS. WE
12 URGE YOU TO EXERCISE THAT POWER IN THE INTEREST OF AFFORDABLE
13 HEALTHCARE AND PRUDENT GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I GIVE YOU EXTRA TIME
16 BECAUSE YOU WERE SPEAKING FOR THE COALITION AND...

17

18 **BLAIN MEEK:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE THAT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO PROBLEM.

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22 **BLAIN MEEK:** I HAVE DR. LEE TO SPEAK. SHE IS ON YOUR LIST.
23 SHE'S A RESIDENT SERVING...

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO KEEP IT TO 90

2 SECONDS. OKAY, DOCTOR? THANK YOU. DR. LEE?

3

4 **DR. LEE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HAVING ME HERE. I'M HONORED

5 THAT I CAN SPEAK IN FRONT OF YOU TO LET YOU KNOW OUR

6 PERSPECTIVE ON THIS MATTER. OUR RESIDENTS ARE CURRENTLY ALSO

7 IN RENEGOTIATIONS. WE'VE DONE SOME RESEARCH WHICH SHOWS THAT

8 OUR MONTHLY BUDGET, AFTER RENT, CAR EXPENSES, INSURANCE, ET

9 CETERA, IS APPROXIMATELY \$200. THAT'S \$200 IN EXPENDITURES

10 THAT WE CAN SPEND ON ANYTHING EXTRA. FOR INSTANCE, THIS 15%

11 INCREASE. WE'RE ACTUALLY IN THE TRENCHES TAKING CARE OF THE

12 POOR, THE UNINSURED. THIS IS WHAT WE'RE PASSIONATE ABOUT AND

13 THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING BUT, IF WE SEE THIS INCREASE, AND

14 THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE OF OUR 1,600 RESIDENTS THAT I'M

15 REPRESENTING TODAY, THAT CANNOT AFFORD THIS INCREASE AND,

16 ADDITIONALLY, IT'S TAXING TO US TO THINK THAT WE ARE PAYING

17 OUR TAX MONEY, APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 15% OF OUR \$37,000 INCOME,

18 YEARLY INCOME, GOES TO THESE-- GOES TO THIS AND, ADDITIONALLY,

19 WE'RE IN AWE THAT THIS MAY POTENTIALLY PASS BECAUSE WE JUST

20 CAN'T AFFORD IT. I, MYSELF, SPEAKING PERSONALLY, HAVE NOT GONE

21 TO A DOCTOR IN FOUR YEARS. I JUST WENT AND I'M ACTUALLY VERY

22 NERVOUS ABOUT THE BILL THAT WILL COME AND WHATEVER COVERAGE

23 WILL BE INCURRED. AGAIN, IF THIS INCREASE GETS PASSED, THAT

24 WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO MY INCOME AND MY EXPENDITURE AS WELL.

25 WE'RE OFFERING DATA DURING OUR NEGOTIATIONS. WE NEED DATA.



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1 SHOW US THE DATA THAT THIS INCREASE IS JUSTIFIED AND PLEASE,
2 WE ALSO ASK TO REJECT THIS AS WELL.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU, DOCTOR. BRIAN BROOKS,
5 DANIEL VILLAO, AND JOHN REES.

6

7 **BRIAN BROOKS:** I'M BRIAN BROOKS, I'M PRESIDENT OF CAPE. YOU
8 WILL HEAR PEOPLE SPEAK TODAY ABOUT MANY MORE IMMEDIATE
9 PROBLEMS AND SERIOUS PROBLEMS, SO I'LL KEEP MINE SIMPLE. MINE
10 IS SIMPLY THAT ONE-THIRD OF OUR MEMBERS ARE KAISER EMPLOYEES.
11 A PROGRAM THAT AUTHORIZES KAISER TO RATE THEIR-- RAISE THEIR
12 RATE 15% WITHOUT JUSTIFICATION WHILE RENEWING
13 NONREPRESENTATION RATES AT 3.6% IS JUST UNEXPLAINABLE TO MY
14 MEMBERS. IN ADDITION TO THAT, KAISER IS PUTTING A 2% LOAD
15 FACTOR BECAUSE MY MEMBERS ARE LEAVING KAISER. THEY'RE
16 PUNISHING THE PEOPLE WHO STAY FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LEFT. THAT'S
17 INDEFENSIBLE. WHAT WE ARE ASKING YOU TO DO IS VERY SIMPLE:
18 REJECT THE RATE INCREASE AND GO BACK AND TALK TO KAISER AND
19 SEE IF THEY WANT TO BE REALISTIC AND CONTINUE TO INSURE OUR
20 PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. DANIEL VILLAO, THEN DAVID
23 GILLOTTE.

24



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1 **DANIEL VILLAO:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING
2 US TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU TODAY. MY NAME IS DANIEL VILLAO, I AM
3 THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE LOS ANGELES BUILDING AND
4 CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL, MEMBER OF THE CCU. OUR MEMBERSHIP
5 INCLUDES THE PEOPLE WHO MAINTAIN, INSTALL AND SERVICE A
6 VARIETY OF EQUIPMENT, AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS, LIGHTING
7 SYSTEMS THAT ALLOW COUNTY BUILDINGS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR
8 USE. 60% OF OUR MEMBERSHIP IS INVOLVED IN KAISER MEDICAL. IT'S
9 DISHEARTENING TO SEE THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE REPRESENTATIVES
10 HAVE PRESENTED TO YOU A DOCUMENT THAT ALLOWS A VENDOR TO TELL
11 THE COUNTY WE'RE INCREASING OUR RATES DRAMATICALLY AND WE
12 CAN'T JUSTIFY IT OR WON'T JUSTIFY IT AND THAT YOUR STAFF IS
13 RECOMMENDING THAT IT BE APPROVED. INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT IS
14 A 2% LOAD, A 2% TAX ON THE MEMBERSHIP THAT WE REPRESENT. 2%
15 FOR NOT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF BUSINESS THAT THE COUNTY
16 GIVES TO A VENDOR. IN ANY SITUATION, WHETHER YOU'RE A COUNTY
17 BOARD OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION, IF A VENDOR OR CONTRACTOR
18 COMES TO YOU AND SAYS TO YOU, "WE INCREASED OUR NUMBERS BY
19 DOUBLE DIGITS LAST YEAR, WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN THIS YEAR AND
20 NOW WE'RE ALSO GOING TO ADD ANOTHER 2% BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T GIVE
21 US ENOUGH BUSINESS," WE WOULD SIMPLY REJECT THAT AND WE ASK
22 THAT YOU TODAY WOULD DO EXACTLY THAT.
23
24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU. JOHN REES, YOU'RE NEXT AND
25 THEN LET ME CALL RALPH MILLER.



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2 **JOHN REES:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
3 MR. JANSSEN, GOOD TO SEE YOU BACK, HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD
4 VACATION. MY NAME IS JOHN REES, THAT'S SPELLED R-E-E-S AND I'M
5 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE ASSOCIATION FOR LOS ANGELES
6 DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF THE JOINT LABOR
7 MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEE BENEFIT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE. I'D LIKE
8 TO BEGIN, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, BY THANKING YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES
9 FOR HOLDING THE ITEM OVER FROM LAST TUESDAY. THAT WAS MOST
10 HELPFUL FOR US. GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER. WITHOUT
11 ANY JUSTIFICATION, YOUR BOARD IS BEING ASKED, BOTH BY MERCER
12 AND YOUR OWN STAFF, TO APPROVE KAISER'S PROPOSED RATE INCREASE
13 FOR COALITION REPRESENTED MEMBERS THAT IS MORE THAN 300%
14 HIGHER THAN THE PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR NONREPRESENTED
15 MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES. WITHOUT ANY JUSTIFICATION, IT JUST
16 DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. MR. CHAIRMAN, DOES ANYONE ACTUALLY
17 BELIEVE THAT NONREPRESENTED MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES ARE 300%
18 HEALTHIER THAN REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DON'T WE LOOK IT? I LOOK HEALTHIER THAN
21 RALPH. [LAUGHTER]

22

23 **JOHN REES:** I ASK YOU THIS. IF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WERE REVERSED,
24 THAT IS, IF KAISER PROPOSED A RATE INCREASE, MR. YAROSLAVSKY,
25 FOR NONREPRESENTED MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES THAT WAS MORE THAN



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1 300% ABOVE WHAT WAS GOING TO BE PROPOSED FOR REPRESENTED
2 EMPLOYEES, WOULD YOU JUST TAKE THAT? WOULD YOU-- IF YOUR STAFF
3 CAME TO YOU AND SAID, "WE CAN'T JUSTIFY THAT RATE INCREASE BUT
4 WE WANT YOU TO APPROVE IT ANYWAY?" BECAUSE THAT'S IN ESSENCE
5 WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE. YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT. YOU'D DO NO SUCH
6 THING. BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE TODAY. CONSIDERING THE
7 COUNTY'S CURRENT OFFER ON THE TABLE FOR COALITION CHOICES,
8 WHICH IS 2.7%, A 15% RATE INCREASE IS JUST NOT GETTING US
9 THERE. SO I RECOMMEND THAT YOU STAND FAST ON THIS AND NOT
10 ADOPT THE INCREASE. AND, ONE LAST POINT, THERE'S A
11 RECOMMENDATION, THIS WAS ADDRESSED TO YOU LAST TIME, SIR,
12 ABOUT PROHIBITING PROBATION EMPLOYEES FROM PARTICIPATING IN
13 THE A.L.A.D.S. MEDICAL PLAN. THAT CONSTITUTES A CONTRACT
14 VIOLATION AND IT'S JUST A PUNITIVE RECOMMENDATION THAT
15 ABSOLUTELY MAKES NO SENSE. WE URGE YOU TO NOT ADOPT THAT AND
16 TO JUST GO FORWARD WITH THE CONTRACT AS IT IS WITH THE FRINGE
17 BENEFIT M.O.U. AS IT IS AND PERMIT PROBATION TO DO WHATEVER
18 THEY DECIDE TO DO BASED ON WHAT THE MARKET PROVIDES. THANK
19 YOU.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. DAVE GILLOTTE, CHERYL PARISI.

22

23 **DAVID GILLOTTE:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, HONORABLE
24 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVE GILLOTTE, G-I-L-L-O-T-T-E. I'M
25 THE PRESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS, LOCAL 1014. I RISE



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1 TODAY TO TAKE MY 90 SECONDS OR LESS TO SPEAK ALONGSIDE MY
2 BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE COALITION HERE TO FIRST THANK YOU
3 FOR CONTINUING THIS FOR ONE WEEK TO ALLOW US TO COME HERE AND
4 MAKE OUR REMARKS AND TO INDICATE THAT YOU ARE SOME OF THE MOST
5 POWERFUL PEOPLE IN THE STATE AND, WITH THAT, YOU HAVE A
6 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY TO NOT ONLY THE TAXPAYERS
7 BUT THE WORKERS TO ENSURE THAT WHAT IS BEING APPROVED HAS
8 MERIT BASED JUSTIFICATIONS AND I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN YOU TO DO
9 THAT. YOU'RE VERY DILIGENT IN THAT SO I ASK NOTHING DIFFERENT
10 HERE. I ASK YOU TO REJECT THE KAISER RATE INCREASES UNTIL SUCH
11 TIME AS YOU GET THAT INFORMATION PRESENTED TO YOU. IT SEEMS
12 ILLOGICAL THAT WE SHOULD HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION ON THE TABLE
13 BEFORE WE APPROVE RATE INCREASES THAT ARE, TO THIS POINT, NOT
14 JUSTIFIED. AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY ON THAT. AND THANK YOU
15 FOR YOUR TIME.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, DAVE. RALPH MILLER, YOU'RE NEXT
18 AND THEN ROBIN MOSELEY, YOU CAN COME FORWARD.

19

20 **RALPH MILLER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. FIRST, I WANT TO START
21 BY THANKING YOU FOR PUTTING THIS MATTER OVER FOR ANOTHER WEEK.
22 AS JOHN SAID, THE CURRENT M.O.U. OF THE FRINGE M.O.U. ALLOWS
23 FOR PEACE OFFICERS TO HAVE THE OPTION OF GOING INTO A.L.A.D.S.
24 PLAN. WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THE ABILITY TO EXERCISE THAT OPTION.
25 WHY? WELL, THERE ARE 31 COUNTY EMPLOYEES OUT OF THE TENS OF



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1 THOUSANDS OF COUNTIES EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE MAJOR ILLNESSES AND
2 THEY'RE PAYING THE HIGHEST RATE FOR MEDICAL CARE.
3 UNFORTUNATELY, OF THAT 31, 10 OF THEM ARE IN LOCAL 685. IF
4 THOSE MEMBERS WERE ALLOWED IS TO GO INTO A.L.A.D.S. PPO, THEY
5 WOULD SAVE OVER \$70,000 A YEAR. IN FACT, TWO OF THEM WOULD
6 SAVE OVER 10.5 THOUSAND DOLLARS ALONE. ALSO, WE HAVE 61% OF
7 OUR MEMBERS IN KAISER. IF THEY ELECT TO GO INTO THE A.L.A.D.S.
8 PLAN, THEY WILL SAVE OVER \$3.5 MILLION A YEAR. WE URGE YOU NOT
9 TO IMPEDE OUR ABILITY TO EXERCISE THAT OPTION AND ALSO WE URGE
10 YOU TO REJECT THE KAISER RATE INCREASE UNTIL THEY JUSTIFY IT.
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, YOU OFTEN SAY THAT-- YOU'VE OFTEN SAID
12 THAT A BROKEN CLOCK IS RIGHT TWICE A DAY. WELL, NEITHER KAISER
13 NOR MERCER'S SUGGESTION OR ON PROBATION FITS THE BROKEN CLOCK
14 SCENARIO. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MARK FINK, IF YOU CAN COME DOWN.
17 CHERYL PARISI, YOU'RE NEXT.

18

19 **CHERYL PARISI:** THANK YOU. CHERYL PARISI. I'M THE EXECUTIVE
20 DIRECTOR OF AFSCME DISTRICT COUNSEL 36. I'M HERE TODAY, ONE,
21 TO THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING THIS MATTER FOR ONE WEEK SO THAT
22 WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ANALYZE THE REPORT AND BE ABLE TO TESTIFY
23 BEFORE YOU TODAY ON THIS IMPORTANT MATTER. FRANKLY, WE WERE
24 APPALLED AT WHAT WE SAW. AFSCME HAS NO QUARREL WITH THE FINE
25 DOCTORS AND NURSES WHO STAFF AND PROVIDE QUALITY HEALTHCARE IN



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1 KAISER. IN FACT, OUR SISTER, UNION, THE UNITED NURSES OF
2 CALIFORNIA REPRESENT THOSE WORKERS. OUR QUARREL IS WITH THE
3 BUSINESS DECISIONS THAT KAISER IS MAKING HERE TODAY BEFORE
4 YOU. THEY HAVE PROPOSED A 15% RATE INCREASE THAT CANNOT BE
5 JUSTIFIED OR IS NOT JUSTIFIED IN ANY WAY BY ANY OF THE DATA
6 THAT THEY HAVE PROVIDED. IN FACT, THEY CANNOT AND WILL NOT
7 PROVIDE DATA TO SUPPORT THE RATE. THE MERCER REPORT STATES, AT
8 THE SAME TIME, THAT THE AVERAGE KAISER RATE IN SOUTHERN
9 CALIFORNIA, AVERAGE KAISER RATE INCREASE IS 8.5%. WE BELIEVE
10 THAT THEY CANNOT JUSTIFY THIS 15% RATE INCREASE AND WE ASK
11 THAT YOU, TODAY, USE YOUR CONSIDERABLE LEVERAGE WITH KAISER TO
12 SAY "NO" TO THIS 15% UNJUSTIFIED RATE INCREASE. IT'S IMPORTANT
13 TO KEEP IN MIND THAT THE OVERALL CONTRACTS WITH KAISER TO BE--
14 THAT MAY BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL COMPRISE
15 OVER \$250 MILLION IN REVENUE TO KAISER. WE ASK THAT YOU STAND
16 WITH US, SAY "NO" TO THE UNJUSTIFIED 15% RATE INCREASE AND
17 DEMAND THAT KAISER COME BACK WITH A REASONABLE, AFFORDABLE,
18 AND JUSTIFIED RATE. THANK YOU.

19
20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, CHERYL. ROBIN MOSELEY?

21
22 **ROBIN MOSELEY:** YES. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME FOR
23 THE COALITION. I'M WITH S.E.I.U. LOCAL 535 REPRESENTING
24 COMMUNITY WORKERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, ADVOCATES OF CAPPE. THE
25 THING THAT MY MEMBERS REALLY WANT TO BRING HEART TO YOU IS THE



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1 FACT THAT WE JUST CANNOT AFFORD A SURPLUS OF \$160 A MONTH. THE
2 ESCALATING COSTS, AS FAR AS THE NEGATIVE IMPACT WITH OUR
3 MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT HAVE CHILDREN, ESCALATING
4 COSTS OF URGENT CARE, HAVING TO RESORT TO URGENT CARE IN
5 EMERGENCY FROM GOING TO ZERO TO \$50 AND SO WE REALLY WANT TO
6 SPEAK TO YOUR COMPASSION, YOUR HEARTS, AND LET YOU UNDERSTAND
7 AS MEMBERS ARE JUST WANTING YOU TO BE MINDFUL THAT WE'RE ON
8 THE FRONT LINES AND WE SERVICE OUR-- THE PUBLIC AND WE JUST
9 WANT, AGAIN, TO HAVE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE RELYING ON YOU
10 TO MINIMIZE AS FAR AS SOME OF THE ESCALATING COSTS IN OUR
11 POCKETBOOKS. AGAIN, WE ARE JUST ASKING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
12 IN ESCALATING COSTS OF KAISER'S RATES. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MARK FINK.

15

16 **MARK FINK:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS MARK
17 FINK. I'M A BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE WITH OPERATING ENGINEERS
18 LOCAL 501. OUR MEMBERS OPERATE POWER PLANTS, WATER TREATMENT
19 PLANTS AND COUNTY DAMS. 63% OF MY MEMBERS USE KAISER. THEY ARE
20 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE HUGE RATE INCREASE KAISER IS
21 DEMANDING. WHAT WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO IS TO USE YOUR
22 AUTHORITY TO BE FAIR TO OUR MEMBERS AND REJECT THIS RATE
23 INCREASE AND STRUCTURE SUBORDINATES TO GO BACK TO THE
24 BARGAINING TABLE AND BARGAIN IN GOOD FAITH.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **BLAINE MEEK:** THANK YOU FOR HEARING OUR CONCERNS AND SERIOUSLY
4 CONSIDERING THEM BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU, BLAIN. THE PUBLIC HEARING
7 IS CLOSED. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I JUST HAD A COUPLE QUESTIONS. I MEAN, AS I
10 SAID LAST WEEK WHEN I, YOU KNOW, RECOMMENDED TO CONTINUE THE
11 ITEM, I JUST HAVE A STRONG CONCERN, ONE, THAT IF THEY'VE, YOU
12 KNOW, PUT OUT THIS INCREASE OF 15%, THERE HAD TO BE A
13 RATIONALIZATION FOR IT AND TO PUT US OFF FOR ANY EXTENDED
14 PERIOD OF TIME, I JUST, YOU KNOW, IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT. THE
15 OTHER QUESTION I HAD IS, IN PART OF THIS MOTION OR IN THE
16 AGREEMENT, HOW DO WE SEPARATE OUT? AS I UNDERSTAND, 660 HAS
17 AGREED TO THE KAISER RATES, IS THAT CORRECT?

18

19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT'S CORRECT.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** AT THE SAME INCREASE?

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. WELL, IT'S-- YES. THEIRS IS SMALLER
24 BECAUSE THEY MADE PLANNED CHANGES. PART OF THE ISSUE WITH THE
25 COALITION IS THEIR LACK OF INTEREST IN MAKING PLANNED CHANGES



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1 TO REDUCE THE INCREASE COST. WE HAVE ALREADY PRINTED THE
2 BROCHURES FOR 660 AND THE NONREPS, THAT'S 37,000 OF OUR
3 EMPLOYEES WHO BELONG TO KAISER. THAT'S ALREADY DONE. WE HAVE A
4 REPRESENTATIVE FROM MERCER HERE WHO MAY BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE
5 TOUGH QUESTION, FRANKLY, OF WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU REFUSE TO
6 ACCEPT KAISER'S INCREASE AND FROZE THE RATES, WHAT WOULD
7 KAISER DO? I MEAN, WE DON'T KNOW, HONESTLY. MERCER MAY BE ABLE
8 TO GIVE YOU SOME BETTER EXPLANATION BUT THAT'S REALLY THE
9 ISSUE.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT WAS GOING TO BE MY NEXT QUESTION, SO IF THE
12 MERCER FOLKS WANT TO COME. BUT THE OTHER QUESTION I HAD IS ONE
13 OF THE SPEAKERS INDICATED AND I THINK-- I TRIED TO WRITE IT
14 DOWN HERE, ONE OF THE SPEAKERS INDICATED THAT THERE WAS A--
15 LIKE A 2% TAX OR SOME 2% ISSUE BECAUSE-- IMPLEMENTED OR FORCED
16 UPON THEM BY KAISER BECAUSE OF LACK OF BODIES OR LACK OF
17 PEOPLE SIGNING UP FOR THE INSURANCE, IS THAT CORRECT? THERE
18 WAS A 2% FIGURE THROWN AROUND OUT THERE.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I HEARD THAT ALSO AND I'M NOT SURE WHAT...

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'D HEARD THAT, AND-
23 - SO IS THERE ANY...

24

25 **SUP. BURKE:** ALSO, WHILE THEY'RE RESPONDING ON THAT...



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2 **BLAINE MEEK:** SUPERVISOR, COULD I RESPOND?

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON. HANG ON ONE SECOND, OKAY? SORRY,
5 MS. BURKE. WE'RE IN THE LIBERATED STAGE. THE PUBLIC HEARING
6 WAS CLOSED. IF MR. KNABE WANTS TO...

7

8 **RAMON RUBALCAVA:** YES. SUPERVISOR KNABE MENTIONED 660 AND I
9 WANT TO RESPOND...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO...

12

13 **RAMON RUBALCAVA:** ...BECAUSE THERE WAS A MISSTATEMENT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN I'LL LET HIM DEAL WITH YOU ON THAT, BUT
16 RIGHT NOW WE'RE IN THE DELIBERATIVE STAGE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** YOU CAN SHARE IT WITH HIM AND THEN HE WILL PASS IT
19 ON TO US. IF YOU'LL SHARE TO HIM WHAT THE MISSTATEMENT IS AND
20 THEN HE CAN...

21

22 **RAMON RUBALCAVA:** NO, HE'S THE ONE THAT MADE THE MISSTATEMENT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, HE CAN DEAL WITH THAT WHEN
25 HE-- HE'LL SPEAK AGAIN.



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** BUT, NO, IF YOU'LL SHARE IT-- TELL HIM WHAT THE
3 MISSTATEMENT IS AND THEN WE CAN...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. YOU WERE-- GO AHEAD.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE:** WHEN MERCER COMES UP, I'D LIKE TO ALSO FIND OUT
8 WHAT THIS STATEMENT MADE ABOUT PROBATION AND THE COST OF SOME
9 OF THEIR EMPLOYEES THAT WOULD REDUCE THE COST IF THEY TRANSFER
10 OUT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** BEFORE THE MERCER, COULD I JUST GET THE-- THIS ONE
13 GENTLEMAN HERE SAID HE COULD ELABORATE ON THE 2% ISSUE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. FAIR ENOUGH.

16

17 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT WHAT HE MEANT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

20

21 **DANIEL VILLAO:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. DANIEL VILLAO, BUILDING
22 TRADES COUNCIL. THE 2% IS A LOAD THAT'S INCLUDED ON THAT
23 LETTER AT THE BOTTOM, I BELIEVE, OF EITHER THE FIRST OR THE
24 SECOND PAGE. IT ADDRESSES A 2% LOAD THAT KAISER HAS INCLUDED
25 IN THIS PACKAGE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** IS IT IN THE 15%?

3

4 **DANIEL VILLAO:** NO, IT'S IN ADDITION TO. OH, IT'S PART OF THE
5 15% I'M SORRY. I MISUNDERSTOOD THEN. IT'S PART OF THE 15% IS A
6 2% INCREASE AND, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS,
7 IT WAS EXPLAINED TO US THAT THIS WAS BROUGHT FORWARD BY KAISER
8 BECAUSE THEY DID NOT GENERATE ENOUGH NEW MEMBERSHIPS FROM THE
9 COUNTY LAST TIME AROUND AND THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT AND
10 THEY WANT A 2% SUBSIDY, BASICALLY, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T
11 GENERATE ENOUGH BUSINESS. AND OUR QUESTION IS, IF, NEXT YEAR,
12 BECAUSE OF THESE INCREASES, PEOPLE LEAVE THIS PLAN, HOW MUCH
13 IS THE INCREASE GOING TO BE NEXT YEAR? AND IT PLACES THE OTHER
14 PLANS IN THIS PACKAGE AT AN UNFAIR-- YOU KNOW, AT A
15 DISADVANTAGE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. I UNDERSTAND NOW. THAT WOULD BE ANOTHER
18 QUESTION FOR MERCER TO ANSWER. IS THAT UNCOMMON, I MEAN, TO
19 REQUIRE A SUBSIDY, BASICALLY, AS IT RELATES TO THIS 2% LOAD
20 ISSUE?

21

22 **JEFF WHITMAN:** MY NAME IS JEFF WHITMAN, I WORK FOR MERCER. THIS
23 2% ISSUE THAT THEY INTRODUCED THIS YEAR WAS SOMETHING NEW THAT
24 WE HAVE NOT SEEN BEFORE. WE HAVE HEARD FROM KAISER FOR THE
25 PAST SEVERAL YEARS, THEY'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE



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1 DECREASING MEMBERSHIP AND THEY SEE THAT THIS DECREASING
2 MEMBERSHIP MEANS THAT THEY ARE BEING LEFT WITH THE RISKIER
3 POPULATION AND THE BETTER RISKS ARE MIGRATING TO OTHER PLANS.
4 IN THEIR VIEW, THEY FEEL THAT, IN LOOKING AT-- I'M NOT
5 ENDORSING THIS VIEW, I'M JUST PASSING ON THEIR VIEW. THEIR
6 VIEW IS THAT, WHEN THEY SET THE RATES, PEOPLE WILL STILL
7 MIGRATE OUT OF THE PLANS AND THE RISK THAT THEY THOUGHT THEY
8 WERE GOING TO GET IS GOING TO BE WORSE AND SO THEY ADDED THIS
9 2% FACTOR IN HERE. WE'VE ARGUED VOCIFEROUSLY AGAINST THIS, ON
10 BEHALF OF THE UNION MEMBERSHIP AND ALSO OF THE COUNTY
11 EMPLOYEES, BUT THEY HAVE HELD TO THIS POSITION.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF THE 2%? IS IT TO
14 COMPENSATE FOR PEOPLE THAT THEY THINK ARE GOING TO MIGRATE OUT
15 OF THE SYSTEM?

16

17 **JEFF WHITMAN:** BASICALLY, THEY HAVE DEVELOPED A NEW RATING
18 SYSTEM THAT GOES THROUGH AN ITERATION OF STEPS THAT THEY HAVE
19 FOLLOWED THAT, IN THE END, IT REPRESENTS A RISK THAT THEY
20 THINK THEY HAVE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR BUT THEY ADDED
21 THIS 2%, FEARING THAT, AFTER THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD, THE
22 RISK WILL HAVE DETERIORATED SLIGHTLY AND THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE
23 GOTTEN 2% MORE. THAT IS THEIR REPRESENTATION.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THEY RATIONALIZE THAT, THEN, IN RELATIONSHIP--
2 I MEAN, ARE THEY JUST LOOKING AT A RISK SIDE OR WHAT ABOUT
3 THEIR INCREASING RATES THAT ARE DRIVING PEOPLE OUT OF THE
4 PROGRAM?

5

6 **JEFF WHITMAN:** THEY RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS A QUID PRO QUO, TO
7 A LARGE DEGREE, OF THIS WHOLE PROCESS.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS THE RISK-- WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT RISK,
10 WHAT IS IT-- HOW DO YOU DEFINE RISK?

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12 **JEFF WHITMAN:** BASICALLY, YOU KNOW, THE CONCEPT OF A RISK IS
13 ANY ONE PERSON IS GOING TO BE MORE COSTLY THAN ANOTHER PERSON
14 BECAUSE OF...

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IN TERMS OF THEIR HEALTH AND THAT SORT OF
17 THING?

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19 **JEFF WHITMAN:** THAT'S RIGHT. THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I'M SORRY, DON, I JUST WANT TO
22 UNDERSTAND WHAT THIS IS-- SO THIS 2% KIND OF SURCHARGE IS
23 DESIGNED-- HOW DOES IT DEAL WITH RISK?

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1 **JEFF WHITMAN:** BASICALLY, THEY BELIEVE THAT, WHEN THEY'RE USING
2 THE POPULATION THAT CREATED THE CLAIM HISTORY, UPON WHICH THEY
3 BASE THEIR RATES...

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THEY'RE RAISING MORE MONEY IN ORDER TO
6 DEAL WITH THE GREATER RISK THAT THEY FORESEE?

7

8 **JEFF WHITMAN:** THAT'S RIGHT, THEY FEEL THAT THE NATURE OF THAT
9 RISK WILL CHANGE SLIGHTLY, THAT HEALTHIER PEOPLE WILL MIGRATE
10 OUT OF THE PLAN.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AS A RESULT OF WHAT? WHY WILL THEY MIGRATE
13 OUT OF THE PLAN?

14

15 **JEFF WHITMAN:** PROBABLY BECAUSE THERE'S PREMIUM INCREASES AND
16 THEY'LL CHOOSE TO GO TO THE LESS COSTLY PLANS AND SO THAT'S
17 WHY THEY THREW THIS 2% LOAD IN.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEY DON'T BELIEVE THAT RAISING THE
20 RATES ANOTHER 2% MIGHT CAUSE YET ANOTHER INCREMENT OF PEOPLE
21 TO MIGRATE OUT OF THE PLAN?

22

23 **JEFF WHITMAN:** I BELIEVE THEY DO BELIEVE THAT BUT THEY ARE HARD
24 AND FAST THAT THEY WANT TO KEEP THIS 2%.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THIS IS LIKE RAISING FARES IN THE BUSES, YOU
2 KNOW?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** EXACTLY, I MEAN, THEY'RE DEALING-- THEIR RATIONALE
5 IS RISK WHEN THE REALITY IS, BECAUSE OF THE SIGNIFICANT
6 INCREASES IN THE PREMIUMS FROM KAISER OVER THE LAST NUMBER OF
7 YEARS, THAT'S DRIVEN PEOPLE OUT OF THE PROGRAM.

8

9 **JEFF WHITMAN:** THAT'S RIGHT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S NOT A HEALTH ISSUE, IT'S A FINANCIAL ISSUE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE:** AND COULD WE FIND OUT ALSO ABOUT THE PROBATION AND
14 THE IMPACT ONE WAY OR THE OTHER IN TERMS OF THE COST?

15

16 **JEFF WHITMAN:** WELL, WE REALLY ARE TALKING ABOUT THE SAME
17 ISSUE, WHICH IS RISK. AND THE RISK POOL THAT WOULD EXIST RIGHT
18 NOW WITHIN THE COALITION PLANS THAT ARE OFFERED TO THE
19 COALITION MEMBERS, THAT RISK WILL BE CHANGED. WE DON'T KNOW
20 EXACTLY HOW BECAUSE WE WOULD HAVE TO EVALUATE EACH AND EVERY
21 ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS BUT THE LIKELIHOOD IS TWO THINGS
22 WOULD HAPPEN. EVEN IF THEY WERE EXACTLY THE SAME RISK,
23 KAISER'S INTRANSIGENCE ABOUT THIS 2% WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY
24 NOT GO AWAY IN THE FUTURE BECAUSE THEY WILL SEE MORE PEOPLE
25 MIGRATING OUT OF THEIR PLAN. AND SO, FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE



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1 NOT PROBATIONARY OFFICERS IN THE FUTURE, THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO
2 STILL WANT TO BE IN KAISER, COULD BE PAYING MORE MONEY THAN
3 THEY OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE TO. IF THOSE PEOPLE ARE INDEED
4 BETTER RISKS THAN THE REMAINING POPULATION, THEN THE INCREASES
5 FOR THE REMAINING POPULATION WOULD BE EVEN GREATER THAN THEY
6 OTHERWISE WOULD BE. SO THAT IS THE DANGER YOU'D FACE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE:** THERE HAS BEEN NO ANALYSIS THEN IN TERMS OF THE
9 ACTUAL PROBATION OFFICERS AND THE NUMBERS WHO WOULD HAVE AN
10 IMPACT. SEE, WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IS THAT THEY HAVE 10 MEMBERS
11 WHO ARE THE LARGEST CHARGES AGAINST THE PRESENT PLAN. HAVE YOU
12 MADE THAT ANALYSIS?

13

14 **JEFF WHITMAN:** NO. THOSE ARE NUMBERS I HAD NOT SEEN BEFORE. I
15 HEARD THAT THIS MORNING.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, I THINK THAT THAT'S SOMETHING
18 THAT, IN THE FUTURE THAT THEY CAN PASS THAT INFORMATION ON TO
19 YOU FOR ANALYSIS.

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21 **JEFF WHITMAN:** WE'D LIKE TO DO THAT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN THERE WAS THE QUESTION OF WHAT THE
24 IMPACT IS OF NOT APPROVING THE RATE INCREASE TODAY. COULD YOU
25 ADDRESS THAT?



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JEFF WHITMAN: WELL, IF WE WERE NOT TO ACCEPT THE RATE INCREASE
AND GO FORWARD, THEN WHAT WOULD KAISER DO? IS THAT THE
QUESTION? WHAT WOULD KAISER DO? THEY WOULD SAY WE NEED THE
PREMIUM, IT'S AN AUCTION DEAL, ALMOST. THEY GAVE US THEIR LAST
AND BEST OFFER. THEY SAID THEY WOULD NOT REDUCE IT AND THEY
WOULD-- IF WE DO NOT PAY THE PREMIUM, THEN THEY WOULD NOT-- I
PRESUME, THEY WOULD NOT OFFER THE SERVICES ANY LONGER. SO,
SINCE THEY GAVE US THEIR LAST AND BEST FINAL OFFER AND THEY
SAID THEY WOULD NOT CHANGE IT, THEY MIGHT TURN OFF THE SPIGOT.

11

C.A.O. JANSSEN: COULD YOU ADDRESS THEIR NEW PRICING SYSTEM,
WHY INFORMATION ISN'T AVAILABLE ON THIS ADMINISTRATIVE COST,
78%

15

JEFF WHITMAN: WELL, THEY HAD OPERATED UNDER A SYSTEM THAT HAD
BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR A LONG, LONG PERIOD OF TIME AND, AT THE
DIRECTION OF THE BOARD SOME YEARS AGO, MERCER DID AN
EVALUATION TO FIND OUT IF IT GOT UNDER THE COVERS ON THAT
SYSTEM TO FIND OUT IF WE COULD FIND THAT, WITHIN THEIR SYSTEM,
THAT THE RATES THEY WERE PASSING ON WERE JUSTIFIED AND
REPRESENTED THE ACTUAL UTILIZATION OF THE POPULATION. FOR THE
MEDICAL PORTION OF THE RATES, WE FOUND THAT IT WAS JUSTIFIED.
SO WE UNDERSTAND WHAT THE OLD SYSTEM WAS AND, ONCE WE HAD
THAT, LAST YEAR, IN LAST YEAR'S BOARD LETTER, WE WERE ABLE TO



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1 SAY THAT WE EVALUATED THEIR REQUEST AND FOUND THAT THEIR
2 POSITIONS WERE JUSTIFIED. THIS PAST YEAR, THEY INTRODUCED A
3 BRAND NEW RATING SYSTEM, ENTIRELY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT THEY HAD
4 BEFORE AND, WITHOUT GETTING VERY, VERY BORING ABOUT THE
5 TECHNICALITIES OF IT, IT'S JUST-- THEY CHANGED THE LANDSCAPE
6 ENTIRELY. FROM THE VERY BEGINNING, WE HAD ASKED FOR SUPPORTING
7 DATA TO BE ABLE TO LOOK UNDER THE COVERS AGAIN. WE WANTED TO
8 HAVE THEIR DATABASE, THEY PROMISED WE'D GET IT WHEN-- THEY
9 PROMISED WE'D GET IT. ACTUALLY, KIND OF ADDED THEM UP, WE GAVE
10 THEM FIVE VERBAL REQUESTS, FIVE WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR THAT DATA
11 AND THE MOST RECENT FORMAL RESPONSE WE RECEIVED FROM THEM WAS
12 WE WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE THAT DATA BEFORE DECEMBER 31ST OF
13 THIS YEAR.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IN OTHER WORDS, BASICALLY, THEY'VE GIVEN US
16 THEIR BEST AND FINAL OFFER WITH NO BACKUP?

17

18 **JEFF WHITMAN:** THAT'S CORRECT, NOTHING THAT THEY WOULD SHARE
19 WITH US. AND SO THAT IS WHERE WE ARE. WE-- I WANT TO SAY TWO
20 THINGS HERE. ONE OF THOSE THINGS IS THEIR RATES MIGHT BE SPOT
21 ON RIGHT, BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE DATA. THEY MIGHT BE SPOT ON
22 CORRECT. WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE DATA TO SAY THAT THEY ARE NOT.
23 AND THEY COULD BE WRONG. WE DON'T HAVE THE DATA TO SAY THEY'RE
24 NOT. WE CANNOT TELL THE BOARD THAT WE HAVE FOUND THEIR RATES
25 ARE JUSTIFIED FOR THE COALITION RATES, THE LOCAL 660 RATES OR



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1 THE MANAGEMENT RATES. WE JUST DON'T HAVE THE DATA TO SUPPORT
2 THEM. I KNOW THAT LOCAL 660 HAS NOT ACCEPTED THEIR RATES BUT
3 THEY VOTED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE RATES.

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT WAS ONE OF THE CLARIFICATIONS RAMON
6 WANTED TO MAKE BECAUSE THEY DID NOT ACCEPT THE RATES.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

11

12 **RAMON RUBALCAVA:** WELL, I THINK THE DIFFERENCE-- IT'S IN THE
13 BOARD LETTER. 660 DOES NOT ENDORSE THE RATES BUT WE DID
14 RECOMMENDATION AT THE JOINT MANAGEMENT BENEFITS AND
15 ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE TO MOVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR
16 BOARD FOR APPROVAL. BUT WE ARE NOT ENDORSING THE RATES,
17 PENDING THE INFORMATION COMING IN DECEMBER FROM KAISER. BUT I
18 ALSO WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT, I THINK I WASN'T CLEAR, THE 50%
19 IS NOT WHAT 660 IS FACING. WE'RE AT 13.3% BECAUSE OF PLANNING
20 CHANGES THE C.A.O. ALLUDED TO, BUT ALSO BECAUSE WE WERE ABLE
21 TO NEGOTIATE AWAY THE 2% LOAD BECAUSE OF OUR ACTIVE WORK IN
22 THE COST MITIGATION HEALTH INSURANCE CRITERIA. AND I ALSO WANT
23 TO-- SUPERVISOR MOLINA IS NOT HERE BUT WE WANT TO COMMEND HER
24 MOTION OF LAST WEEK AND WE ENDORSE AND SUPPORT IT, WHICH CALLS
25 FOR A MERCER AUDIT, THE KAISER RATES AND ALSO CONTINUED WORK



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1 ON THE COST MITIGATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES THAT WE THINK, IN
2 THE LONG-TERM, WILL MITIGATE THE RATES, SO THANK YOU FOR THE
3 TIME, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR...

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AUDIT THE RATES BUT YOU CAN'T-- RIGHT NOW,
6 YOU HAVE NO ACCESS TO THE INFORMATION UPON WHICH AN AUDIT
7 WOULD BE DONE, IS THAT CORRECT?

8

9 **JEFF WHITMAN:** THAT IS CORRECT. I THINK OUR OPTIONS, ONCE WE
10 HAVE THAT DATA, IF WE FIND THAT THERE ARE ANY DISCREPANCIES
11 WHATSOEVER THAT CANNOT BE EXPLAINED...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE THEY OBLIGATED TO GIVE YOU THAT DATA?

14

15 **JEFF WHITMAN:** THEY HAVE PROMISED IT TO US IN WRITING AND WE
16 HEARD THE MOTION COMING FROM SUPERVISOR MOLINA LAST WEEK THAT
17 THEY'D PROVIDE IT TO US FOR US TO REVIEW.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE MOTION, I MEAN, FROM US, IS NOT-- IS NOT
20 OBLIGATORY-- IS NOT A REQUIREMENT PLACED UPON KAISER.
21 KAISER'S-- FOR YOU TO DO AN AUDIT OF KAISER'S RATES, YOU'VE
22 GOT TO HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR BOOKS OR TO THEIR DATA. YOU DON'T
23 HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR DATA.

24

25 **JEFF WHITMAN:** WE DO NOT HAVE THAT DATA, NO.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, ARE THEY LEGALLY OBLIGATED TO
3 SHARE THAT DATA WITH YOU?

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5 **JEFF WHITMAN:** NO, THEY ARE NOT,

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT THEY SAID THAT THEY WOULD SHARE IT WITH
8 YOU?

9

10 **JEFF WHITMAN:** THEY HAVE SAID THAT THEY WOULD.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DID THEY SAY THEY WOULD SHARE IT WITH
13 YOU?

14

15 **JEFF WHITMAN:** THEY PROMISED THAT WE WOULD RECEIVE THAT BEFORE
16 THE 31ST OF DECEMBER THIS YEAR. SO WHAT OTHER COURSE OF ACTION
17 DO WE HAVE WITHOUT THAT DATA IF WE GO FORWARD WITH THE RATES
18 SO THAT WE CAN GO THROUGH THE OPEN ENROLLMENT PROCESS? IN A
19 RETROSPECTIVE FASHION, ONCE WE HAVE THE DATA TO-- IF WE FIND
20 THAT THERE ARE SEVERE ERRORS, THEN WE CAN POINT OUT TO THEM
21 THE ERROR OF THEIR WAYS, THEN I THINK A HARD BARGAINING
22 POSITION THAT WE WOULD TAKE IS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO GIVE US
23 A RETRO ACTIVE RATE CREDIT THAT WOULD COME BACK TO THE
24 EMPLOYEES.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE:** CAN YOU MAKE THAT PART OF THE MOTION?

2

3 **JEFF WHITMAN:** IT IS NOT IN OUR BOARD LETTER, NO.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** I KNOW IT'S NOT IN YOUR BOARD LETTER BUT IT WOULD
6 SEEM THAT WE SHOULD PUT SOMETHING LIKE THAT IN OUR MOTION. I
7 WOULD SO MOVE TO AMEND THE BOARD LETTER TO PROVIDE THAT.

8

9 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND I ASKED MY STAFF, I WANTED TO KNOW, CAN WE
10 REDUCE THE RATES AFTER JANUARY OR ARE WE LOCKED INTO THEM? AND
11 THE ANSWER WAS WE CAN REDUCE THEM AND WE WOULD REDUCE THE
12 KAISER RATES.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** SO IF THE AUDIT COMES BACK AND 15% IS NOT
15 JUSTIFIED AND IT'S 6-1/2 OR 8-1/2 OR 8.75, THERE'S A WAY TO
16 REDUCE IT?

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THAT WHAT I'M TOLD. WELL, WE HAVE TO NEGOTIATE
19 IT.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE:** THEY HAVE TO AGREE TO IT, THOUGH, RIGHT?

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT WE-- YES, THEY HAVE TO AGREE TO IT BUT WE
24 CAN DO IT IF WE NEGOTIATE A LOWER RATE. THREE YEARS AGO-- WE
25 FOUGHT THIS BATTLE WITH KAISER THREE YEARS AGO, YOU MAY



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1 REMEMBER, AND THEY FINALLY GAVE US THE INFORMATION THAT THEY'D
2 REFUSED TO GIVE FOR YEARS. SO THEY'VE ALREADY GONE, WE THINK,
3 OVER THE HURDLE OF HIDING DATA. IT'S THE NEW FORMULA THAT
4 THEY'RE USING THAT'S THE PROBLEM. WE DON'T THINK THEY CAN
5 PRODUCE IT.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** DAVID, WE TALKED ABOUT THIS THE OTHER DAY. IN
8 ORDER TO CREATE THIS NEW FORMULA, WHICH I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND,
9 THEY HAD TO HAVE DATA TO GET TO THAT POINT.

10

11 **JEFF WHITMAN:** THEY HAVE THEIR OWN DATA. WHAT THEY'RE WILLING
12 TO RELEASE IS THE ISSUE. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN WILLING TO RELEASE
13 WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WHAT MS. BURKE IS DRIVING AT AND
16 WHAT YOU'RE DRIVING AT, MR. JANSSEN, IS THAT, IF YOUR AUDITS
17 SHOW SOMETHING-- SHOW SOME ERRORS IN THEIR METHODOLOGY THAT
18 SUGGESTED THEIR RATES WERE TOO HIGH, AT LEAST WE'RE IN A
19 POSITION, THEN, WITHOUT HAVING A GUN HELD TO OUR HEAD AND
20 EMPLOYEES' HEADS, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF KAISER, TAKING A RISK, IF
21 WE DIDN'T APPROVE THIS TODAY, WE'RE FLYING IN THE BLIND. I
22 MEAN, WE'RE BETTING WITHOUT LOOKING AT OUR CARDS, REALLY, IS
23 WHAT IT AMOUNTS TO. WE'RE IN A BETTER POSITION HAVING THE TIME
24 AND THE LEVERAGE, WITHOUT THE RISK, TO DEAL WITH KAISER IN
25 DECEMBER OR AFTER THE DECEMBER 31ST WHEN YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO



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1 LOOK AT THEIR BOOKS, AND I THINK MS. BURKE'S MOTION IS
2 APPROPRIATE IN THAT REGARD. MAYBE YOU WANT TO JUST FORMULATE
3 IT VERBALLY.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** IT CAN BE WORDED ONE OF TWO WAYS. WELL, ONE WAY
6 WOULD BE THAT OUR-- THIS APPROVAL IS CONDITIONAL UPON
7 VERIFICATION OF THE RATE, BASED UPON DATA THAT'S PRESENTED TO
8 US NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31ST. NOW, WHAT THE EFFECT IS THAT--
9 IF IT'S NOT ESTABLISHED THAT THEIR RATE IS BASED ON HARD FACTS
10 AND WHAT WE DO AT THAT TIME, MY MOTION DOESN'T INCLUDE THAT,
11 BUT I CERTAINLY WOULD BE AGREEABLE, IF THERE'S SOMETHING WE
12 COULD PUT IN, IN TERMS OF WORDING THAT WOULD GIVE US THE RIGHT
13 TO MAKE SOME CHANGES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I THINK IF THE FIRST PART OF YOUR
16 MOTION IS-- THAT YOU JUST ARTICULATED IS DOABLE, I THINK
17 THAT'S PLENTY.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOUR PEOPLE COMFORTABLE WITH THAT?

22

23 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, THAT'S FINE.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MEAN, BASICALLY, IT'S ALL THEY'RE DOING IS
2 ASKING THEIR-- IS CALLING THEIR-- THEIR PROMISE, WHICH THEY
3 HAVE ALREADY MADE TO YOU.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE:** RIGHT AND THERE'S SOME OTHER THAT THEY HAVE MADE
6 THAT I DO INTEND TO KEEP DISCUSSING WITH THEM. I WON'T BRING
7 THEM UP TODAY BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO TALK
8 ABOUT SOME OF THOSE ISSUES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN RESOLVED. BUT WE
9 DO NEED SOME VERIFICATION. I UNDERSTAND THE POSITION THAT'S
10 BEING TAKEN BY THE COALITION BUT I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN LEAVE
11 OUR EMPLOYEES WITHOUT THE CHOICE OF KAISER. WE CAN'T JUST SAY,
12 OKAY, THERE'S NO KAISER, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GOING TO AGREE TO
13 THE RATES AND THEN YOUR WORKERS ARE GOING TO BE THE FIRST ONES
14 WHO ARE CALLING YOU DAY AND NIGHT, "WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR
15 KAISER?" I'M SURE OF THAT. THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT,
16 YOU'RE GOING TO GET MORE CALLS THAN I DO. SO I DON'T SEE WHERE
17 WE HAVE A CHOICE. BUT I DO THINK WE HAVE TO MAKE SOME ATTEMPT
18 TO ADDRESS THE WHOLE RATE ISSUE AND THAT'S WHAT MY AMENDMENT
19 IS SEEKING TO DO.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT I GUESS MY QUESTION IS, BY NOT APPROVING THE
22 INCREASE, ARE WE FORCING THEM TO COME TO THE TABLE QUICKER?
23 KAISER?

24



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1 **JEFF WHITMAN:** I CAN'T SAY THAT THAT IS THE CASE. THEY KNOW
2 FULL WELL WHAT OUR POSITION IS. THEY KNEW FULL WELL THAT THIS
3 WOULD BE PUBLICLY DISCUSSED AND THEY HAVE NOT BEEN WILLING TO
4 GIVE IT TO US ANY MORE QUICKLY THAN THEY HAVE. SO I THINK,
5 QUITE FRANKLY, WE HAVE AN EXIGENCY OF AN OPEN ENROLMENT...

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** THEN THE REALITY IS THAT, IF WE GET THE NUMBERS
8 THAT DON'T VALIDATE A 15% INCREASE, THE REALITY OF TRYING TO
9 REDUCE THE RATES OR MAKE AN AGREEMENT WITH THEM AREN'T GOING
10 TO HAPPEN, EITHER.

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, THIS IS AN ANNUAL PROCESS WITH THEM.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT'S RIGHT.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** IT NEVER GOES AWAY. IT NEVER GOES AWAY.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK WE'RE THE ONES WHO'LL BE TAKING A
19 HUGE RISK ON BEHALF OF EVERYBODY.

20

21 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I THINK I'M COMFORTABLE-- MORE
24 COMFORTABLE WITH THE APPROACH.

25



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE HAVE 40-- 50,000 OF OUR EMPLOYEES THAT ARE
2 KAISER MEMBERS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, THAT OUGHT TO BE WORTH SOME KIND OF
5 LEVERAGE.

6

7 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** THE STATE CAN'T LEVERAGE A LOT MORE THAN THAT.
8 I MEAN, THERE'S SOMETHING OBVIOUSLY GOING ON THAT'S BEYOND ME.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT, I MEAN, 2% LOAD FACTOR, I MEAN, FIRST TIME...

11

12 **JEFF WHITMAN:** A LOT OF NEGOTIATION IS STATE OF MIND AND, FOR
13 WHATEVER REASON, KAISER HAS A STATE OF MIND ON THIS RISK THAT
14 THEY ARE HARD TO GET OFF THAT POSITION. AND, WITH DATA, THAT'S
15 THE ONLY WAY WE CAN DO IT SO WE HAVE TO GET THE DATA.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THAT'S AFTER THE FACT NOW.

18

19 **JEFF WHITMAN:** WELL, IT IS AFTER THE FACT BUT, AGAIN, THIS IS
20 PUBLIC FORUM. IF WE WERE TO REPORT TO THE BOARD IN A PUBLIC
21 FORUM WHAT-- THAT THE RATES THAT THE EMPLOYEES CURRENTLY HAVE
22 TO PAY IS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE DATA PROVIDED BY KAISER, I
23 CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEM, BUT THAT WOULD-- IF I WERE KAISER, I'D
24 BE QUITE EMBARRASSED BY THAT AND I WOULD PROBABLY STEP FORWARD
25 AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THE RATES GO INTO EFFECT WHEN?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I JUST THINK THAT WE DON'T NEED TO TAKE
5 THE CHANCE THAT WE'RE WRONG IN TERMS OF WHAT THE RESPONSE
6 WOULD BE, WE CAN DO IT ON OUR OWN TERMS WHERE WE DO HAVE SOME
7 LEVERAGE WITHOUT THE CONCOMITANT RISK THAT WE WOULD HAVE DOING
8 IT NOW. I AGREE WITH YOU, I THINK THE COALITION HAS RAISED A
9 LEGITIMATE ISSUE. I THINK WE HAVE OTHER ISSUES WE NEED TO
10 RAISE AT SOME POINT BUT I DO THINK WE'RE IN A STRONGER
11 POSITION DOING IT ON OUR TERMS. IN OUR OWN TIME FRAME, WHICH
12 WOULD BE AFTER YOU GOT THAT INFORMATION, WHICH WE WOULD NOW
13 MAKE CONDITIONAL ON THE APPROVAL OF THESE RATES, BASED ON MS.
14 BURKE'S MOTION.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, I JUST...

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** LAST COMMENT. I MEAN, I JUST GET FRUSTRATED BY THE
21 FACT THAT, EVERY TIME WE GET IN THIS PARTICULAR POSITION, IT'S
22 ALWAYS AT THE LAST MINUTE AND WE'RE UP AGAINST THE WALL. I
23 MEAN, WE'RE ALWAYS PREENING DEADLINES AND THOSE KINDS OF
24 THINGS AND, I MEAN, I TRULY BELIEVE WE HAVE MORE LEVERAGE THAN
25 THAT AND-- I DON'T KNOW. I MEAN, BECAUSE, AT THE END OF THE



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1 DAY, I MEAN, EVEN THOUGH THEY RAISED THE ISSUE, A LOT OF THAT
2 MONEY'S COMING, YOU KNOW, FROM THE GENERAL FUND. I MEAN, WE
3 PAY FOR IT.

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. IT'S COMING FROM THE COUNTY TAXPAYERS
6 WHO ARE PAYING FOR IT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S COMING FROM THE TAXPAYERS. SO, I MEAN IF WE
9 GOT ANOTHER SIDE OF THIS TO BE VIGILANT AS WELL, TOO.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WHAT IS THE PLEASURE OF THE
12 BOARD? MS. BURKE HAS MADE A MOTION. I'LL SECOND THE AMENDMENT.
13 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO HER AMENDMENT?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** NO OBJECTION TO HER AMENDMENT. AND THIS INCLUDES
16 WHAT? THIS INCLUDES SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S MOTION?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I THINK THAT WAS APPROVED LAST WEEK, RIGHT?

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT. THAT'S PART OF THE PACKAGE AND WE
21 RECOMMEND THAT YOU APPROVE IT WITH THE AMENDMENTS.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. ANY OBJECTION TO THAT? MS. BURKE
24 WILL MOVE AS AMENDED, KNABE SECONDS. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
25 UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU.



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2 **JEFF WHITMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. MS. BURKE?

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6 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL CALL ITEM 25.

7

8 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** EXCUSE ME. I'M SORRY. THAT WOULD ALSO

9 INCLUDE ITEM 61, IF WE COULD...

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S CORRECT. THAT MOTION WAS ON BOTH 21

12 AND 61.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. PETER BAXTER WANTED TO BE HEARD AND IS

17 IT MERCEDES RIVERA? THIS ITEM IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE CONTINUED

18 UNTIL NEXT WEEK BECAUSE IT'S A 4-VOTE ITEM. MR. BAXTER, GO

19 AHEAD.

20

21 **PETER BAXTER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE

22 LADY GO AHEAD BECAUSE SHE HAD AN INTERVIEW WITH ONE OF THE

23 SUPERVISORS AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT...

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THAT'S FINE. MISS RIVERA.



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2 **MERCEDES RIVERA:** I SPEAKING IN SPANISH.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HANG ON ONE SECOND. DO WE HAVE OUR
5 INTERPRETER? SAME AS HIS? OKAY. THAT'S FINE. GO AHEAD.

6

7 **PETER BAXTER:** WELL, THE ONLY QUESTION IS WE GOT A MOVEMENT
8 LAST YEAR-- THAT'S WEEK. SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA KINDLY
9 RESPONDED TO MISS RIVERA AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WERE
10 TALKING ABOUT AND I JUST WANT-- AND MISS RIVERA TOLD ME LATER
11 THAT SHE, I THINK IT WAS AN INVITATION TO HAVE AN APPOINTMENT
12 WITH MISS MOLINA. WHEN SHE FOLLOWED UP ON THAT INSTRUCTION,
13 SHE MET WITH A STAFF MEMBER, MIGHT BE A DEPUTY, AND THE DEPUTY
14 GAVE HER INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WERE TO BE-- TO ADVISE SUPERVISOR
15 DON KNABE. NOW, THIS IS A MOVEMENT FOR ME. I MEAN, I'VE BEEN
16 COMING HERE FOR YEARS AND I'VE HAD NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING
17 AND NOW WE'VE GOT A CLEAR INSTRUCTION FROM ONE OF THE
18 SUPERVISORS TO APPROACH DON KNABE NOW. I KNOW MR. KNABE IS A
19 MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION, THE UNITED STATES...

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. MR. BAXTER, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, WE
22 DON'T SET APPOINTMENTS WITH SUPERVISORS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING.
23 THE ITEM IS BEFORE US IS ITEM NUMBER 25. DID YOU WANT TO
24 ADDRESS IT, MISS RIVERA? GO AHEAD.

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1 **MERCEDES RIVERA:** OKAY. (SPEAKING SPANISH)

2

3 **SUP. BURKE:** DO WE HAVE SOMEONE TO DO TRANSLATION?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS HE'S GOING TO SPEAK IN
6 ENGLISH AND SAY ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING SO THERE'S NO NEED
7 FOR THE TRANSLATION.

8

9 **MERCEDES RIVERA:** YEAH. (SPEAKING SPANISH)

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU. MR. BAXTER.

12

13 **PETER BAXTER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THANK YOU FOR CALLING ME UP. I
14 WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND I'M UNDER PRESSURE, TIME PRESSURE.
15 ALTHOUGH I'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR YEARS, NEVERTHELESS, UNDER
16 THE PRESSURE OF TIME AND EVERY OPPORTUNITY THAT I HAVE TO
17 APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD, WHICH IS THE AUTHORITY FOR CHANGING
18 THE METHOD OF FIGHTING FIRE, I WANTED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
19 THAT OPPORTUNITY. WITH GREAT RESPECT, NOW, I UNDERSTAND YOU
20 KNOW PERFECTLY WELL WHAT I'M GOING TO SAY FROM POINT OF VIEW
21 OF CHANGING THE SYSTEM BUT, NEVERTHELESS, THE ONLY WAY I CAN
22 APPROACH YOU IS BY COMING FORWARD THIS WAY, AND I'M TALKING
23 ABOUT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEVER COMES OUT
24 AND NEVER SAYS ANYTHING. I CAN'T READ THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S
25 THINKING AND I CAN'T READ YOUR THINKING AND I, WITH AUTHORITY,



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1 SAYING SOMETHING AND IF I COME HERE FOR YEARS AND NOTHING
2 HAPPENS, THEN IT MIGHT BE-- SOME PEOPLE WILL TAKE IT FOR,
3 LIKE, AS IF IT'S AN ANSWER IN ITSELF BUT I CAN'T DO THAT, I
4 CAN'T ASSUME THAT. I HAVE TO DO THE BEST I CAN. AND THE BEST I
5 CAN IS TO SAY TO MYSELF, WHERE IN THE WORLD IS AN AUTHORITY
6 THAT CAN ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF HOW WE FIGHT FIRE? AND THAT
7 AUTHORITY, TO ME, IS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THE COUNTY OF
8 LOS ANGELES HAS ABOUT, MAYBE, 60 OFFICERS. I WOULD SUPPOSE
9 THAT EACH OFFICER WOULD HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR KNOWING WHAT
10 I'M TALKING ABOUT AND HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADDRESSING
11 THAT ISSUE. I DON'T KNOW. I CAN'T READ OFFICERS' MINDS BUT I
12 SOMETIMES GET THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SHERIFF, FOR EXAMPLE,
13 WHO IS ALSO A PUBLIC SAFETY MAN, IS A LITTLE IRRITATED WITH ME
14 COMING UP HERE AND SAYING ANYTHING AT ALL. THAT'S JUST MY
15 IMPRESSION. SAME THING WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS. THEY'RE IN
16 CHARGE OF BUILDING AND THEY COME STRAIGHT OUT AND SAY WE'RE
17 NOT GOING TO TAKE ANY PART IN THIS. BUT ONE DAY, I SUGGEST TO
18 YOU MR. CHAIRMAN, ONE DAY, SOMEBODY'S GOING TO BREAK THE MOLD
19 OR BREAK THE-- OR GOING TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. IT MIGHT BE THE
20 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER BUT SOMEBODY'S GOING TO ADDRESS
21 THE ISSUE AND I'M STRICTLY TECHNICAL. I HAVE NOTHING TO DO
22 WITH FEELINGS OR WITH POLITICAL ASSUMPTIONS. I'M STRICTLY
23 TECHNICAL AND I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I-- ALL OF
24 WHICH IS RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. BAXTER. APPRECIATE IT. THANK
2 YOU, MISS RIVERA. THE ITEM WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL NEXT WEEK
3 BECAUSE WE NEED FOUR VOTES AND THERE ARE ONLY THREE TODAY.
4 NEXT ITEM, MS. BURKE?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE:** 27. OH, IT'S A 4-VOTE BUT THERE WAS A MEMBER OF
7 THE PUBLIC WHO WANTED TO SPEAK.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALSO ON S-1. SAME MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WE'LL TAKE UP ITEM 27
12 AND S-1, SINCE MISS CLAVREUL HAS ASKED TO BE HEARD ON BOTH
13 ITEMS.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** WE CONTINUED 34 AND 35 FOR A WEEK, RIGHT?

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CORRECT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE:** DID SHE HOLD 65-B ALSO?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON 65-B. GO
22 AHEAD, MISS-- DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YEAH, GOOD AFTERNOON-- I MEAN, GOOD
25 MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON S-1,



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1 YOU KNOW, I'M ALWAYS AMAZED HOW WE DELAY REPORTS ALL THE TIME.
2 YOU KNOW, EVERYTHING IS ALWAYS POSTPONED, AND I THINK THAT'S
3 NOT A ALL A WAY TO RUN BUSINESS. IF YOU WOULD BE IN A PRIVATE
4 BUSINESS, YOU WOULD NOT STAY IN BUSINESS. SO THAT'S MY MAIN
5 CONTENTION. I ALSO WANT TO KNOW, IS THAT BUDGET GOING TO BE
6 ALL INCLUSIVE OF HEALTH, INCLUDING PUBLIC HEALTH OR, IN THAT
7 SPECIFIC BUDGET, IS PUBLIC HEALTH GOING TO BE SPLIT FROM
8 D.H.S.? IT IS GOING TO BE SPLIT. OKAY. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO
9 LOOKING AT THIS HYBRID. ON 27, AGAIN, THAT'S ANOTHER ITEM THAT
10 IS POSTPONED. I WANT TO REALLY THANK THE BOARD TO GIVE ME,
11 UNDER MY REQUEST FOR PUBLIC RECORDS, LAST TUESDAY ON THE SAME
12 DAY OF MY REQUEST. I MEAN, I HAVE NEVER RECEIVED SUCH
13 EXPEDIENT RESPONSE. I WAS TOTALLY IMPRESSED BUT, BECAUSE I
14 RECEIVED THIS RESPONSE, NOW I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS. YOU KNOW, I
15 HAVE MORE QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY WHEN OUR FRIEND, MR. DAVID
16 JANSSEN, SPECIFIES THAT, YOU KNOW, DR. FIELDING IS NOT GOING
17 TO GET PAID FOR U.C.L.A. BUT, GUESS WHAT? HE'S GOING TO BE
18 STILL DOING WORK AS A PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR OF TWO SPECIFIC
19 PUBLIC HEALTH GRANTS. WELL, I HAVE BEEN THE PRINCIPAL
20 INVESTIGATOR AND THE RULES ARE VERY STRICT AND MANY TIMES THEY
21 REQUEST OF OVER 50% OF THE PARTICIPATION OF TIME. SO NOW I
22 HAVE ANOTHER REQUEST FOR YOU. I WANT TO SEE EVERYTHING HAVING
23 TO DO WITH THOSE TWO SPECIFIC GRANTS. I WANT TO SEE THE
24 PORTION OF THE TIME THAT DR. FIELDING IS SUPPOSED TO PERFORM
25 AND I WANT TO KNOW THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANTS AND, SINCE THE



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1 MONEY IS NOT GOING TO FIELDING, TO WHOM THE MONEY IS GOING. IF
2 IT'S A FEDERAL GRANT, I WILL BE DELIGHTED BECAUSE I WOULD LOVE
3 TO GO TO THE SENATOR GRACEFULLY AND TELL HIM TO DO AN
4 INVESTIGATION. SO YOUR RESPONSE BRINGS MUCH MORE QUESTIONS TO
5 ME. I MEAN, TO BE A PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR IS A VERY SPECIFIC
6 DESIGNATION AND DEMANDS A CERTAIN PORTION OF TIME AND I WANT
7 TO KNOW HOW HE IS IMPLICATED IT, WHAT THE PERSON OF IT, WHAT
8 KIND OF REPORT HE HAS WRITTEN AND SO, FOR THE BOARD, THAT'S MY
9 REQUEST FOR ALL THOSE INFORMATION. I WANT THE PROPOSAL, THE
10 EMAILS, EVERYTHING HAVING TO DO WITH IT. AND THAT'S ALL. ONE
11 MORE. AND THAT'S MY OPINION. WAS PUBLISHED IN THE PASADENA
12 STAR-NEWS. IF I FEEL ABOUT TOO MANY ALLIANCE, WHICH I STILL
13 FEEL DR. FIELDING HAS TOO MANY OF THEM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
14 ATTENTION.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, DR. CLAVREUL. THIS ITEM WILL BE
17 CONTINUED UNTIL NEXT WEEK SO THAT WE CAN HAVE FOUR VOTES. MS.
18 BURKE?

19

20 **SUP. BURKE:** 65-B.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT A 4-VOTE ITEM, ITEM 27?

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** CORRECT, IT WILL BE A 4-VOTE ITEM AND...

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THAT'S ONE.

2

3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT WAS CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. NO, 27 WAS
4 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS AND S-1 WAS CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I HAD IT BACKWARDS. ALL RIGHT. SO
7 ITEM 27 WILL BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS, ITEM S-1 WILL BE
8 CONTINUED ONE WEEK. THAT WILL BE THE ORDER, WITHOUT OBJECTION.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 60-- WHAT DID YOU SAY?

13

14 **SUP. BURKE:** 65-B.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 65-B, OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE:** AND THERE'S AN AMENDMENT I THINK YOU HAVE OR
19 SOMETHING?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S AN AMENDMENT THAT I HAVE ON BEHALF
22 OF MS. MOLINA, SO-- OKAY. I'M GOING TO CALL ON THREE PEOPLE AT
23 A TIME AND ASK YOU IF YOU CAN KEEP IT TO 90 SECONDS APIECE.
24 MARIO GUERRERO, BRAD HEATHERS AND CHARLES KARSTERS. THIS IS
25 THE ORDER IN WHICH I HAVE THEM. ONLY ONE OF THOSE IS HERE? MR.



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1 GUERRERO? MR. HEATHERS AND IS MR. KARSTERS ARE NOT HERE? ALL
2 RIGHT, THEN LET ME-- IS TIM YOUNG HERE? COME ON DOWN. RAFAEL
3 COSIO? IS HE HERE? ALL RIGHT. KATIE BRONSON? IS-- SHE IS HERE.
4 OKAY. COME ON DOWN. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE THE FULL THREE MINUTES
5 SINCE WE DON'T HAVE AS MANY PEOPLE AS I THOUGHT. GO AHEAD, MR.
6 GUERRERO.

7

8 **MARIO GUERRERO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIO GUERRERO. I'M
9 THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR BIENESTAR. BIENESTAR, JUST TO
10 GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND, IS, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW,
11 LOCATED IN FOUR OF THE FIVE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AS WELL AS
12 WE ARE LOCATED IN OTHER COUNTIES AND WE DO PROVIDE H.I.V.,
13 S.T.D. AND OTHER HEALTH SERVICES. I AM HERE TODAY BEFORE YOU
14 TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THE WORK OF THE CRYSTAL METH
15 COALITION, IN PARTICULAR, 65-B. I WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU
16 THAT OUR ANECDOTAL EXPERIENCE IS, AT OUR ORGANIZATION, TELL US
17 ABOUT THE CHALLENGES THAT ARE FACED BY, IN PARTICULAR, THE
18 LATINO COMMUNITY IN FACING H.I.V., CRYSTAL METH USE AND
19 HEPATITIS INFECTION, ALL THREE INTERSECTING AT ONE POINT. I
20 THINK ONE OF THE LESSONS LEARNED, AND THIS IS PER OUR
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OSCAR DELAO, IN DEALING WITH
22 H.I.V./A.I.D.S., IS THAT A RESPONSE TO COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IS
23 SLOW IN COMING AND SO WE HOPE THAT, IN ADDRESSING THE CRYSTAL
24 METH EPIDEMIC, THAT THE RESPONSE IS DIRECTED TO ALL IMPACTED
25 COMMUNITIES AND THAT IT ENSURES THAT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE



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1 ROOTED IN THE COMMUNITY ARE THE ONES THAT ARE EMPOWERED AND
2 ARE ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE CRYSTAL METH EPIDEMIC IN A
3 CULTURALLY AND LINGUISTICALLY APPROPRIATE MANNER. THAT'S MY
4 COMMENTS TODAY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MR. GUERRERO. BRAD
7 HEATHERS, I UNDERSTAND IS BACK, SO JUST STAY THERE, YOU'LL BE
8 FOLLOWING THESE FOLKS. NEXT IS TIM YOUNG.

9

10 **TIM YOUNG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TIM YOUNG. I'M WITH THE
11 ASIAN/PACIFIC A.I.D.S. INTERVENTION TEAM, WHICH IS L.A. COUNTY
12 FUNDED. TODAY, I AM REPRESENTING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY H.I.V.
13 PREVENTION PLANNING COMMITTEE, THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE CRYSTAL
14 METH TASK FORCE. ON BEHALF OF THE ACT NOW AGAINST METH
15 COALITION PARTNERS, WHICH IS ASIAN/PACIFIC A.I.D.S.
16 INTERVENTION TEAM, THE WALL LOS MEMORIAS, BEING ALIVE LOS
17 ANGELES, VAN NESS RECOVERY HOUSE, AS WELL AS OTHER BUSINESS
18 PARTNERS, SUCH AS MIDTOWN SPA, WE'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU
19 FOR TAKING A LOOK AT THIS PARTICULAR ITEM. I AM, ONCE AGAIN,
20 THE CO-CHAIR OF THE CRYSTAL METH TASK FORCE FOR THE PREVENTION
21 PLANNING COMMITTEE AND WE REALLY NEED THE SUPPORT OF ALL THE
22 DEPARTMENTS COLLABORATING IN ORDER FOR US TO CAPTURE THE EXACT
23 DATA OF THOSE WHO ARE INFECTED WITH H.I.V., AS WELL AS THOSE
24 WHO ARE ALSO USING CRYSTAL METH. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. KATIE BRONSON.

2

3 **KATIE BRONSON:** MY NAME IS KATIE BRONSON, I'M THE PROGRAM
4 COORDINATOR FOR THE VAN NESS...

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU START, KATIE, LET ME-- JUST HOLD
7 HER TIME. IS RICHARD ZALDIVAR HERE? RICHARD, COME ON DOWN AND
8 CHERYL ROESSER. OKAY, GO AHEAD, KATIE.

9

10 **KATIE BRONSON:** THE VAN NESS RECOVERY HOUSE HAS BEEN SERVING
11 GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER...

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE THE MIKE INTO YOUR...

14

15 **KATIE BRONSON:** ...INDIVIDUALS SINCE 1976 AND, IN 1994, THE
16 PREVENTION DIVISION WAS ESTABLISHED AND WE PROVIDED HARM
17 REDUCTION SERVICES, H.I.V. PREVENTION IN THE COMMUNITY. WE
18 HAVE BEEN UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE OFFICE OF A.I.D.S. PROGRAMS
19 OF POLICY FOR-- FUNDED CONTINUOUSLY FOR, I BELIEVE, NINE YEARS
20 AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING IN METH AMPHETAMINE PREVENTION FOR
21 MORE THAN 10. SO WE HAD A BUNCH OF STUFF HERE THIS MORNING.
22 THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT REALLY ARE ON THE FRONT LINES
23 DEALING WITH THIS EPIDEMIC AND I HAD TO LET THEM GO,
24 UNFORTUNATELY, BUT I WANTED TO SAY THAT WE ARE A COALITION OF
25 PROVIDERS AND NONPROFITS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND MANY OF US,



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1 INCLUDING MYSELF, HAVE NEVER BEEN INVOLVED IN A COMMUNITY
2 MOBILIZATION OF THIS SCALE. FOR THAT, I THANK THE HEALTH
3 DEPUTIES FOR THEIR PATIENCE AND THEIR VALUABLE GUIDANCE DURING
4 THIS PROCESS AND I ALSO THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR
5 RESPONSIVENESS, PARTICULARLY YOURSELF AND SUPERVISOR BURKE IN
6 MAKING THIS MOTION. SO WHY AM I NOW GETTING INVOLVED? BECAUSE,
7 FROM 1992 TO 2002, ADMISSIONS FOR METH TREATMENT IN CALIFORNIA
8 INCREASED FIVE-FOLD AND THE PROPORTIONATE TREATMENT ADMISSIONS
9 FOR METH MORE THAN TRIPLED, FROM 7% TO 27%. BECAUSE LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS NATIONWIDE RANK METH AMPHETAMINE AS THE
11 NUMBER ONE DRUG PROBLEM THAT THEY BATTLE TODAY AND BECAUSE 40%
12 OF CHILD WELFARE OFFICIALS SURVEYED BY THE NATIONAL
13 ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES LAST YEAR REPORTED AN INCREASE IN OUT
14 OF HOME PLACEMENTS LAST YEAR DUE TO METH. BECAUSE I FEEL THAT,
15 IF WE DON'T RECOGNIZE THE URGENCY OF THE METH PROBLEM IN LOS
16 ANGELES TODAY, IN L.A. COUNTY TODAY, IT WILL MOVE BEYOND A
17 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY TO BECOME A PUBLIC HEALTH DISASTER.
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. BRAD HEATHERS.

21

22 **BRAD LEATHERS:** THANK YOU, BOARD. MY NAME IS BRAD LEATHERS. I'M
23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RAINBOW BRIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES. WE
24 ALSO-- OUR PRIMARY MISSION IS TO TREAT PATIENTS WITH SUBSTANCE
25 ABUSE PROBLEMS WITH THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER



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1 COMMITTEE. I ECHO MUCH OF WHAT HAS BEEN SAID HERE AND I THINK
2 THERE'S A GREAT SENSE OF URGENCY ABOUT THIS PROBLEM BECAUSE OF
3 THE NATURE OF THE DRUG AND THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES ON THE
4 PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM. 90% OF OUR ADMISSIONS THESE DAYS HAVE A
5 PRIMARY DIAGNOSIS OF CRYSTAL METH ADDICTION WHEN THEY COME
6 INTO OUR TREATMENT PROGRAMS. 50%, SOME STUDIES STATE, 50% OF
7 NEW SERAL CONVERSIONS TO H.I.V. HAVE CRYSTAL METH AS A MAJOR
8 FACTOR IN THOSE CONVERSIONS. THERE IS A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF
9 PATIENTS TODAY THAT ARE H.I.V. POSITIVE THAT MOVE TO AN
10 A.I.D.S. DIAGNOSIS BECAUSE THEY ARE NONCOMPLIANT WITH THEIR
11 MEDICATIONS. CRYSTAL METH HAS A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH THAT AS
12 WELL. I ALSO SIT ON DR. FIELDING'S TASK FORCE WITH L.A.
13 COUNTY, AND ONE OF OUR MISSIONS THROUGH A.I.D.S., THROUGH
14 OTHER GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS THE CALIFORNIA
15 ENDOWMENT, HAVE HELPED US SET UP CRYSTAL METH TASK-- OR
16 CRYSTAL METH TOWN HALL MEETINGS IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, SOUTH L.A.,
17 WHERE WE PARTNERED WITH, IN THE MEANTIME MEN AND PALM SPRINGS
18 AND WE ARE DOING ONE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. BUT THAT IS
19 TO HELP GENERATE A CONVERSATION ABOUT THIS EPIDEMIC AND WHAT
20 WE NEED TO DO IS TO TAKE THAT A STEP FORWARD. ONE OF THE
21 THINGS THAT I'VE LEARNED THROUGH MY EXPERIENCE IN PUTTING ON
22 THESE TOWN HALL MEETINGS IS THAT THE EFFORTS NEED TO BE
23 LOCALIZED BECAUSE OF THE POLITICS, THE CULTURE AND THE NEEDS
24 FOR THE VARIOUS DIFFERENT AREAS WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
25 BUT I FEEL AND I REALLY AM VERY HAPPY THAT THE BOARD-- OR--



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1 THAT THE BOARD SUPPORTS LOOKING INTO THIS BECAUSE I THINK AN
2 INVESTMENT INTO DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM IS VERY--
3 IS VERY CRITICAL AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. THROUGH THE GRANTS
4 THAT WE HAVE, FOR EXAMPLE, IN HELPING SOUTH L.A. AND THE SAN
5 FERNANDO VALLEY, WE'RE ABLE TO HELP SET UP CRYSTAL METH TASK
6 FORCES WITH THEM LOCALLY AND THOSE TASK FORCES CAN HELP
7 EDUCATION AND PREVENTION BUT THEY ALSO COST MONEY AS WELL,
8 TOO, SO WE ARE LOOKING AT ADDITIONAL GRANTS AND GETTING FUNDS
9 TO DO THAT AS WELL. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN HELP IN SO
10 MANY WAYS IN HELPING TO MAKE THESE THINGS HAPPEN, AND I DO
11 HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER DOING THAT IN ANY WAY THAT CAN BE
12 DONE FINANCIALLY. I BELIEVE THAT, LIKE THE A.I.D.S. EPIDEMIC,
13 THE CRYSTAL METH PROBLEM IS AN EPIDEMIC AS WELL, TOO, AND
14 IT'S-- IT MOVES VERY QUICKLY, IT BRINGS PEOPLE DOWN, IT
15 DESTROYS THEM VERY QUICKLY AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN DO SOMETHING
16 ABOUT THAT AND WORKING TOGETHER AS A COALITION OF PARTNERS
17 WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, BRAD. RICHARD ZALDIVAR.

20

21 **RICHARD ZALDIVAR:** YES. GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
22 BOARD, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO TAKE THIS PART
23 ON THE AGENDA TODAY. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WAS LAS
24 MEMORIAS PROJECT BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, ONE OF MANY PARTNERS IN
25 THIS COLLABORATION, ACT NOW AGAINST METH. I JUST WANT TO MAKE



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1 SURE THAT WE ALL KNOW THAT MIDTOWN SPA EL CENTER DE PUEBLO,
2 BEING ALIVE, BUYLETMEN.COM, VAN NESS RECOVERY HEALTH
3 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, CHOICES, ABOUT TIME PRODUCTIONS, M.C.C.,
4 THE LINCOLN HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, EL DIRECTO DEL
5 BARIO, TWEAKERS PROJECT AND CASA LOS AMIGO ARE PART OF THIS
6 COALITION. 18 MONTHS AGO, THESE ORGANIZATIONS CAME TOGETHER
7 AND SAID, YOU KNOW, THERE'S TOO MANY MEETINGS GOING ON IN THE
8 COMMUNITY, TOO MANY MEETINGS ABOUT CRYSTAL METH AND NO ACTION.
9 WE'VE HAD MANY MEETINGS AND THERE'S BEEN INEFFECTIVE PROGRESS
10 DONE IN THE BATTLE AGAINST METH. SO I AM REALLY, REALLY PROUD
11 TO BE PART OF THE COALITION. EDDIE MARTINEZ, MY ASSOCIATE
12 DIRECTOR, WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO YOU, ON BEHALF OF MANY OF
13 THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, 10,000 SIGNATURES ASKING
14 FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO THE ISSUE OF CRYSTAL METH. THE
15 MEMBERS OF THE COALITION HAVE MET WITH ALL OF YOUR HEALTH
16 DEPUTIES AND I, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF THEM, THANK YOU SO MUCH
17 FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO MANY OF OUR REQUESTS. I REALLY DO. MANY
18 TIMES, SO EASY FOR US TO COME UP HERE AND DEMAND AND ASK BUT
19 VERY RARELY DO I HEAR A LOT OF GRATITUDE AND THANK YOU AND I
20 JUST WANT TO THANK YOU. BUT I NEED TO SAY THAT WE NEED MORE
21 THAN JUST WHAT'S IN FRONT OF THE MOTION, MORE THAN JUST WHAT'S
22 IN FRONT IN THE AMENDMENT AND THAT IS, WE REALLY NEED TO LOOK,
23 IN THE NEXT 90 DAYS, OF HOW AND WHAT'S THE CRITERIA TO
24 DECLARING THIS A STATE OF EMERGENCY. ANYWHERE IN LOS ANGELES,
25 YOU GO TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM, YOU GO EVEN TO THE SENIOR



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1 CITIZEN CENTER, YOU GO TO SOME OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH
2 ORGANIZATIONS AND ASK ABOUT CRYSTAL METH. THEY CAN TELL YOU
3 IT'S A PROBLEM. THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO RESOLVE IT. THERE'S NO
4 RESEARCH THAT I KNOW THAT HAS BEEN DONE IN THE MAINSTREAM
5 COMMUNITY. WHEN WE SEE CRYSTAL METH, WE USUALLY ASSOCIATE IT
6 WITH BISEXUAL, GAY OR H.I.V. AT RISK, WHEN THE MAJORITY OF
7 CASES ARE HAPPENING AND IT'S OCCURRING IN THE TRADITIONAL
8 COMMUNITIES, WITH OVER HALF OF THE CASES BEING DOCUMENTED IN
9 THE LATINO COMMUNITY. I ALSO WANT TO COMMEND DR. FIELDING ON
10 THE WORKING GROUP, BUT WE NEED TO GO A LITTLE FURTHER AND THAT
11 IS WE REALLY NEED TO COORDINATE SERVICES, BECAUSE LET ME JUST
12 GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE, PLEASE, AND THAT IS, IF THIS PERSON'S
13 NAME IS JOSE GARCIA, HE'S 21 YEARS OLD, HE DOESN'T NECESSARILY
14 SELF-IDENTIFY IN A PARTICULAR SEXUAL BEHAVIORAL GROUP. HE'S
15 USING CRYSTAL METH AND HE'S GOING THROUGH THE SYSTEM AND,
16 SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE, HE IS DIAGNOSED AS BEING BIPOLAR. WHO
17 IS PROVIDING THESE SERVICES TO HIM AND HOW ARE WE TRACKING
18 THOSE SERVICES? ARE THOSE SERVICES COORDINATED? I HAVE TO TELL
19 YOU, FROM WHAT I KNOW, THEY'RE NOT. AND, UNTIL WE GET
20 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, WE NEED TO USE THE RESOURCES WE HAVE
21 TODAY TO MAXIMIZE THE TAXPAYER BENEFIT TO THE COUNTY. SO WE'RE
22 ASKING TO REALLY LOOK AT THAT COORDINATION OF SERVICES. AND,
23 FINALLY, BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER SPEAKERS UP HERE, MR.
24 CHAIRMAN, AND ALL OF YOU IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, YOU'VE BEEN IN
25 THE FOREFRONT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST H.I.V. AND A.I.D.S. YOU



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1 HAVE DONE GREAT WORK WHEN IT COMES TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
2 VOICELESS, TO THE MARGINALIZED COMMUNITY. THESE PETITIONS MEAN
3 A LOT TO US. THEY REPRESENT PEOPLE WHOSE SONS AND DAUGHTERS
4 ARE ADDICTED IN NORTHERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THEY REPRESENT
5 A FRIEND OF MINE WHO WAS ADDICTED FOR MANY YEARS. HE'S BACK
6 AND HE'S DOING WONDERFUL. BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PUT A FOCUS
7 ON THIS, PUT CRYSTAL METH AT THE PRIORITY OF OUR REQUEST IN
8 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE GOVERNMENT AND LET'S
9 CONTINUE TO BE THAT SHINING EXAMPLE THROUGHOUT THE UNITED
10 STATES. THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, RICHARD, APPRECIATE IT. [
13 APPLAUSE]

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS CHERYL ROESSER HERE? NO. OKAY. LET ME
16 THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING THIS MORNING AND FOR SHINING SOME
17 LIGHT AND FOCUSING SOME ATTENTION ON THIS ISSUE, WHICH NOT
18 SOMETHING THAT JUST POPPED UP THIS MORNING, AS YOU ALL KNOW.
19 IT'S A VERY SERIOUS EPIDEMIC AND HAS BEEN GROWING AND IT'S
20 BEEN ON THE RADAR SCREEN FOR SOME TIME AND THIS COUNTY HAS
21 TRIED TO ADDRESS IT IN A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT WAYS, SOME OF
22 WHICH HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIAL AND SOME MORE
23 CONVENTIONAL AND WE HAVE A LOT MORE WORK TO DO AND I THINK THE
24 PETITION IS WELL RECEIVED AND I THINK IS AN INDICATION THAT WE
25 HAVE A LOT MORE WORK TO DO AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH



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1 YOU IN PARTNERSHIP. MS. BURKE HAS THE MOTION I'VE JOINED WITH
2 HER ON, THAT'S ON THE AGENDA TODAY AND MS. MOLINA, WHO,
3 UNFORTUNATELY, HAD A FAMILY EMERGENCY WHICH PREVENTED HER FROM
4 BEING HERE THIS MORNING, ASK ME TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO
5 IT, WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE MOTION AND I'LL READ IT AT
6 THIS TIME ON HER BEHALF. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
7 INSTRUCT THE C.A.O. TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
8 HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, D.P.S.S., DEPARTMENT
9 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND
10 OTHER COUNTY AGENCIES AS APPROPRIATE TO ASSESS ALL EXISTING
11 COUNTY CONTRACT SERVICES AND RESOURCES DEDICATED TO ADDRESSING
12 THE METH EPIDEMIC AND REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS. THIS INFORMATION
13 SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE
14 STRATEGY. ADDITIONALLY, THE COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY SHOULD
15 IDENTIFY SPECIFIC GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND OUTCOME MEASURES FOR
16 DEALING WITH THIS EPIDEMIC. THIS STRATEGY SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE
17 SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION FOR BETTER DATA COLLECTION,
18 INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND COORDINATION ACROSS COUNTY AGENCIES
19 AND WITH COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS. SO THAT WILL
20 BE AN AMENDMENT. MS. BURKE...

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22 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL SECOND.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** ACTUALLY, JUST INTEGRATE THE TWO, BECAUSE, IF YOU
25 LOOK AT YOUR MOTION...



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2 **SUP. BURKE:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL ACCEPT THIS AS PART OF THE MAIN
3 MOTION.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** THERE'S MANY COMMON AREAS.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE:** THAT IS AN EPIDEMIC AND IT IS GOING TO REQUIRE OUR
10 WORKING WITH SO MANY DIFFERENT COMMUNITY GROUPS BUT ALSO I'M
11 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPACT IN TERMS OF OUR SCHOOLS AND
12 PARTICULARLY-- EVEN OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS OUR HIGH
13 SCHOOLS, AND I DO THINK THAT, AS WE MOVE FORWARD IN THIS VERY
14 SPECIALIZED AREA WHERE WE KNOW THAT THERE IS A TREMENDOUS
15 IMPACT AND A NEED TO HAVE AN EMPHASIS, I ALSO BELIEVE THAT
16 IT'S GOING TO BE VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO HAVE THIS KIND OF A
17 PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR HEALTH CENTERS THAT ARE LOCATED IN HIGH
18 SCHOOLS AND TO HAVE SOME KIND OF A VERY AFFIRMATIVE OUTREACH
19 IN OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOLS TO TRY TO TIDE-- MOVE
20 THIS TIDE AND STOP THIS TIDE OF THIS EPIDEMIC, PARTICULARLY
21 AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. SO I AM INTRODUCING THIS MOTION, I'M
22 SUPPORTING IT, I DO THINK THAT WE HAVE TO EXPAND IT AND TO
23 CONTINUE TO EXPAND AND OUTREACH BECAUSE IT IS AN EPIDEMIC AND
24 IT'S ONE THAT DOES NOT HAVE THE TRADITIONAL METHOD OF
25 EXPANSION. I MEAN, MOST-- WE SEE MANY DRUG EPIDEMICS THAT



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1 COME, THEY COME IN FROM A VERY SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE. THIS
2 SORT OF CAME TO US FROM OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA, MOVED INTO
3 CALIFORNIA, MOVED INTO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MOVED INTO THE
4 INNER CITY. USUALLY, THEY BLAME THE INNER CITY FOR EVERYTHING
5 STARTING THERE AND MOVING OUT, BUT THIS IS ONE THAT HAS A
6 DIFFERENT DIRECTION AND WE'RE NOT REALLY PREPARED TO ADDRESS
7 IT BECAUSE OF THE WAY THAT IT CAME UPON US, SO I THINK IT'S
8 VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO GIVE EXTRAORDINARY RESOURCES TO TRY
9 TO STOP THIS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. KNABE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D JUST ADD TO THE SUPPORT, I MEAN, BECAUSE,
14 OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS ONE OF THOSE ISSUES THAT HAS EXPANDED VERY
15 RAPIDLY AND IT'S SORT OF LIKE THE ORIGINAL DAYS A NUMBER OF
16 YEARS AGO WHEN WE'RE TRYING TO DEAL WITH, YOU KNOW, ANTI-GANG
17 PROGRAMS AND THOSE KINDS OF THINGS WHERE WE THOUGHT THERE WAS
18 A CERTAIN AGE LEVEL AND ADDRESSED THAT AND REALIZED WE HAD TO
19 MOVE YOUNGER AND YOUNGER AND YOUNGER AND WE HAVE THE SAME
20 SITUATION HERE IN THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THIS OUTREACH AS
21 WELL, TOO, TO THE YOUNGER PEOPLE.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I THINK WE HAVE MS. BURKE'S MOTION
24 BEFORE US WITH THE AMENDMENT. ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT



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1 OBJECTION, IT'S APPROVED. AND, AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING
2 HERE. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE:** I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A COUPLE OF ADJOURNING MOTIONS. I'D
7 LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF TED WILLIAMS.
8 WE'D LIKE TO SAY THE OTHER TED WILLIAMS, WHO WAS A CO-FOUNDER
9 OF THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN MONEY CAMPAIGN, WHO I'VE KNOWN FOR
10 MANY, MANY YEARS, EVEN BEFORE I WAS IN ELECTIVE OFFICE, WHO
11 RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG AND DIFFICULT STRUGGLE WITH
12 CANCER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, RITA, A SON, WAYNE AND
13 MANY OTHER FAMILY AND GRATEFUL COMMUNITY MEMBERS. TED WAS VERY
14 INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY AND CHARITABLE AND WE'RE GLAD HIS
15 SUFFERING IS OVER. IT WAS A LONG BATTLE. AND ALSO GLENN
16 GARVIN, LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT, AND FRIEND OF MY
17 OFFICE WHO DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 39 IN A RECENT
18 BICYCLE ACCIDENT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, PAM, TWO SONS,
19 ANDREW AND REED, TWO SISTERS, LAURA WARNER AND MEREDITH RODMAN
20 AND HIS PARENTS, ELEANOR AND IRVING. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNING
21 MOTIONS. I ALSO HAVE SEVERAL ADJOURNING MOTIONS ON BEHALF OF
22 MR. ANTONOVICH. JOE ADAMS, FORMER AUDITOR-- WAS AN AUDITOR FOR
23 THE STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION FOR 50 YEARS. LUCILLE
24 CIFARELLI, ESTABLISHED THE ORIGINAL CASA ROMA RESTAURANT.
25 HAZEL ELLING, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. SHE LIVED AND



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1 WORKED IN LANCASTER FOR NEARLY 45 YEARS, WORKED WITH THE
2 F.A.A. AS PALMDALE'S COMPUTER DESK SUPERVISOR OVER THE WESTERN
3 U.S.A. TRAFFIC CONTROL AREA. DANIEL SHERMAN HARRIS, A FORMER
4 SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR, APPOINTED-- AWARDED BY THE
5 GOVERNOR AND WORKED FOR 41 YEARS AT THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT
6 OF SOCIAL SERVICES. BOB KLUSE, DIED AT THE AGE OF 88, AN AVID
7 ANGELS BASEBALL FAN, LOVED TRAVELING AND LOVED DIXIE LAND
8 JAZZ. STUART ROBERTS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87, A WORLD
9 WAR II VETERAN, AND, FOR YEARS, A VOLUNTEER CIVIL SUPERVISOR
10 OF THE PARADE. THOMAS MICHAEL VELOZ, LONG-TIME SANTA CLARITA
11 RESIDENT, RETIRED BUSINESS LEADER AND PHILANTHROPIST, PASSED
12 AWAY WEDNESDAY MORNING AT HIS HOME IN VALENCIA AT THE AGE OF
13 69. AND JOHN H. WILLIAMS, A RETIRED DETECTIVE FOR THE LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, RETIRED IN 1998. AND GENE
15 YORK PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK, A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES AIR
16 FORCE AS WELL AS VETERAN OF THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
18 SON AND HIS DAUGHTERS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, UNANIMOUS VOTE ON
19 THOSE ADJOURNING MOTIONS. ARE WE HOLDING ANYTHING ELSE? I WANT
20 TO GO TO MR. KNABE.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR, NO, THAT WAS ALL THE ITEMS AND
23 THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE HAD SOME ADJOURNMENTS.

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25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. KNABE.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FIRST OF ALL,
3 I'D LIKE TO MOVE TODAY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MR. DON
4 MARRS. DON WAS A LONG-TIME FRIEND AND RESIDENT OF CERRITOS AND
5 FORMER PLANNING COMMISSIONER PASSED AWAY LAST WEEK. HE'LL BE
6 SORELY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
7 WIFE, DARLENE, AND HIS CHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
8 MEMORY OF SANDI WALKER. SANDI IS THE WIFE OF FORMER TORRANCE
9 MAYOR DAN WALKER. SHE PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEK AND VERY
10 INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. SHE SORT OF LET DAN TAKE THE FRONT
11 STAGE BUT SHE HAD HER OWN LEGACY AS A PHILANTHROPIST, AN
12 ARTIST, AN ACTRESS, INTERIOR DESIGNER, GOURMET CHEF AND AN
13 ABSOLUTELY LOYAL FRIEND. SHE PASSED AWAY WITH A STROKE HERE
14 JUST A FEW DAYS AGO. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, DAN. ALSO
15 THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LEON MATHOSIAN, A LONG-TIME
16 MANHATTAN BEACH RESIDENT WHO PASSED AWAY FROM CANCER. HE IS
17 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 45 YEARS, CONNIE, AND HIS CHILDREN
18 CARLO, JONATHAN AND KRISTINA. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
19 OF MR. JACK BELASCO, AN EDUCATOR AND FORMER HERMOSA BEACH CITY
20 COUNCILMAN WHO HELPED ESTABLISH THE CITY'S LONG RELATIONSHIP
21 WITH ITS SISTER CITY OF LAREDO, MEXICO. HE WAS 88 YEARS OLD.
22 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS SECOND WIFE, PAT, AND SON, STEVEN. AND I
23 DON'T HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION YET BUT ALSO FOUND OUT
24 YESTERDAY THAT-- ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF CAROL KWAN'S MOTHER,
25 WHO PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEK SO WE'LL GET THE INFORMATION.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I WASN'T HOLDING ANYTHING.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT NOW AND I'M GOING
7 TO CALL THREE AT A TIME. LILY CHAGOLLA. IS LILY HERE? LEE
8 INSOON. IS LEE INSOON HERE? OKAY. COME ON DOWN. SUSAN H.
9 CRAIG. IT'S STILL GOOD MORNING.

10

11 **LILY CHAGOLLA:** FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK EVERYBODY HERE
12 FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND YOUR BLESSINGS AND ALSO I THINK I CAME AT
13 THE RIGHT TIME BECAUSE THIS BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY RIGHT HERE
14 WAS MURDERED BY CRYSTAL METH. I DIDN'T KNOW THESE OTHER
15 FELLOWS WERE GOING TO BE HERE, BUT HERE'S JUST A LITTLE
16 STATEMENT BEFORE I GO ON. IT'S-- AFTER THE PETERSON CASE BUT,
17 BY COINCIDENCE, THE NEXT CASE ON THE DOCKET IN L.A., THE
18 COUNTY INVOLVED A MAN CHARGED WITH THE STABBING DEATH OF HIS
19 LIVE-IN PREGNANT GIRLFRIEND, AS WELL AS THE MURDER OF THEIR
20 UNBORN CHILD, ROGER MARCUS AND NOELLE CHAGOLLA. OF COURSE NOT
21 AND YOU MAY NEVER HEAR OF THEM AGAIN. IT GOES ON. WELL, MY
22 DAUGHTER WAS MURDERED. NOTHING LEFT. CRYSTAL METH. BUT,
23 SUPERVISOR, I'M NOT HERE FOR THAT BUT YOU DO NEED TO WORK ON
24 THAT ... (VOICE WAVERING) ... MY NIECES ALL WORK FOR PROBATION,
25 THEY HAVE 20 GIRLS EACH AND ALL OF THEM ARE ALL ON CRYSTAL



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1 METH. BUT I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M A GRANDMOTHER WHO RAISED MY
2 DAUGHTER AND MY GRANDDAUGHTER. I HAVE NOT SEEN MY
3 GRANDDAUGHTER IN FOUR YEARS. WHY CAN THE MURDERER AND ALL
4 MURDERERS, ANYBODY IN PRISON YOU CAN VISIT BUT MY
5 GRANDDAUGHTER, WHO LIVES, LIKE, FROM HERE TO THERE FROM ME
6 CANNOT SEE ME, TOUCH ME, VISIT ME? I CALLED THE DEPARTMENT OF
7 CHILDREN'S SERVICES. THEY SAID THAT BIOLOGICAL DAD WILL NOT
8 LET ME SEE HER. HE HAS A HISTORY OF GUNS AND WEAPONS AND A
9 MAJOR GANG AND I HAVE ALL THE PAPER WITH ME BUT THAT'S NOT IT.
10 I'M HERE FOR GRANDPARENTS' RIGHTS. AS A GRANDMA, I RAISED MY
11 GRANDDAUGHTER. WHY CAN'T I SEE HER, WHEN YOU CAN VISIT ANY
12 RAPIST, PREDATOR, MURDERER WHO CHOPPED MY DAUGHTER VIOLENTLY?
13 NOTHING WAS LEFT OF HER AND HER UNBORN CHILD. I CANNOT SEE MY
14 GRANDDAUGHTER, AND I'M SPEAKING FOR A LOT OF GRANDMOTHERS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE DO YOU-- WHICH DISTRICT DO YOU LIVE
17 IN?

18

19 **LILY CHAGOLLA:** I LIVE IN MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, PERHAPS THERE'S SOMEBODY
22 FROM D.C.F.S. WHO CAN-- ARE YOU FROM D.C.F.S.? ALL RIGHT.
23 PERHAPS YOU CAN TALK TO MS. CHAGOLLA AND...

24

25 **LILY CHAGOLLA:** I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR FOUR YEARS NOW.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, THIS IS A MAN WHO-- THERE MAY BE
3 NOTHING WE CAN DO. IT MAY BE A LEGAL ISSUE BUT IF THERE IS
4 ANYTHING...

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6 **LILY CHAGOLLA:** IT'S DEFINITELY A LEGAL ISSUE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN DO, THEN HE'S
9 THE MAN BUT, IF WE CAN'T, YOU UNDERSTAND WE HAVE TO ABIDE BY
10 THE LAW, TOO.

11

12 **LILY CHAGOLLA:** YEAH, BUT I'M GOING TO COME AND CONTINUE
13 BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF GRANDPARENTS THAT CANNOT SEE THEIR
14 CHILDREN BUT YOU CAN VISIT ANYBODY IN JAIL.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU, MS. CHAGOLLA.

17

18 **LILY CHAGOLLA:** AND THAT CRYSTAL METH THING MUST GO ON.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. MISS LEE INSOON.

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22 **INSOON LEE:** HI. I'M INSOON LEE, SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY, I HAD YOUR NAME BACKWARDS.

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1 **INSOON LEE:** YESTERDAY, I CAME HERE AND THEN WITNESSED JUST A
2 MARVELOUS AND GOOD WORKS. I CAME HERE TO THANK THEM AND THANK
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WHEN I CAME IN YESTERDAY, I SAW THE
4 SIGN UP THERE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND
5 FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NEVER PERISH AND I THOUGHT THE L.A.
6 COUNTY APPLIES THE SAME THING HERE, YOU KNOW, SO THANK YOU.
7 IT'S A GOOD MOTTO TO PUT IT ON. OLD TESTAMENT SAYS, IF THERE
8 IS NO VISION, PEOPLE PERISH. SO I THINK ALL OF YOUR
9 SUPERVISORS HAD A VISION TO LOOK AHEAD AND PLAN AND DO THINGS
10 AND ESPECIALLY I THANK SUPERVISOR ZEV, I CAN NEVER PRONOUNCE
11 YOUR NAME RIGHT, SO CAN I CALL YOU PRESIDENT ZEV TODAY?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN CALL ME WHATEVER YOU WANT.

14

15 **INSOON LEE:** I THANK YOU IN BEHALF OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
16 RESIDENTS. YOU PUSHED THROUGH THE ORANGE LINE. MANY OPPOSED,
17 MANY COMPLAINED, AND MANY SAID IT WOULD NOT WORK. AFTER YOU
18 PUSHED THROUGH, MAYBE, WITHIN SIX MONTHS, YOU REACH THE FIVE-
19 YEAR GOALS ALREADY AND THEY ARE THINKING OF EXPANDING ORANGE
20 LINE TO CHATSWORTH. I THINK YOU ARE A MAN OF VISION. YOU CAN
21 LOOK AHEAD AND YOU KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU KNOW IT'S GOOD FOR
22 THE PEOPLE AND YOU PUSH THROUGH AND YOU MADE IT WORK, SO THANK
23 YOU. YOU SHOULD BE A MAN OF-- HERE IN THE COUNTY AND ALL OTHER
24 DISTRICTS, WHATEVER, THEY SHOULD HAVE A ORANGE LINE IN THEIR
25 OWN-- IT'S BETTER THAN SUBWAY, BETTER THAN TRAIN, BETTER THAN



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1 BUS, BETTER THAN ANYTHING ELSE. IT'S OUTSTANDING THE WORK YOU
2 DID.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **INSOON LEE:** YESTERDAY, HUMAN RELATION COMMITTEE AWARDED
7 HUMANITARIAN AWARD TO DR. HATHOUT. THERE IS MANY OPPOSITION,
8 MANY COMPLAINTS, MANY WHATEVER IT IS ABOUT HUMAN RELATIONS
9 COMMITTEE DID A OUTSTANDING JOB AND THEY FINALLY AWARDED TO
10 DR. HATHOUT. I CAN ASSURE YOU, L.A. COUNTY, CITY OF LOS
11 ANGELES, WILL HAVE MORE TOLERANCE, MORE LOVE, MORE
12 COOPERATION, MORE PEACE IN THE YEARS TO COME. I HEAR THAT'S--
13 WHEN I LOOK AT YOU, I SEE THE LEADERS AND LEADERS HAVE THREE
14 CHARACTERISTICS: IT'S THE THREE LS: LISTEN, LEARN AND LEAD. I
15 THINK THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY. AND THANK YOU AND I HOPE
16 YOU WILL CONTINUALLY LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE, LEARN FROM THEM AND
17 LEAD US TO BETTER PASTURES. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MISS CRAIG AND THEN REVEREND BEAR
20 RIDE. IS HE HERE?

21

22 **SPEAKER:** SHE IS.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE IS. I'M SORRY. AT LEAST I KNOW SHE'S NOT
25 THE NEW CONSUL-GENERAL OF URUGUAY TO LOS ANGELES. JORGE



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1 MARTINEZ. COME ON DOWN. AND JAN-- IS IT CICO OR CICCICO? ALL
2 RIGHT, COME ON DOWN. MISS CRAIG, YOU'RE ON.

3

4 **SUSAN CRAIG:** THANK YOU FOR HEARING MY VOICE THIS MORNING. I'M
5 GLAD TO BE HERE. I, TOO, WANT TO COMMEND THE L.A. COUNTY HUMAN
6 RELATIONS COMMISSION FOR PRESENTING THE JOHN BUGS AWARD FOR
7 EXCELLENCE IN HUMAN RELATIONS TO DR. MAHER HATHOUT. AS AN
8 OUTSTANDING AND MODERATE VOICE FOR AMERICAN MUSLIMS FOR THE
9 LAST 30 YEARS OR SO, HE HAS NOW AFFECTED GENERATIONS OF
10 COMMITTED AND FAITHFUL MUSLIM YOUTH. AS A DEDICATED ECUMENICAL
11 AND INTERFAITH LEADER, HE IS DEVOTED TO PEACE AND JUSTICE, AND
12 I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED NOW TO MEET WITH HIM AS A CHRISTIAN IN-
13 - AT AN INTERFAITH TABLE WEEKLY FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS.
14 AND I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT HE HAS BECOME MY MENTOR AND TEACHER
15 AND FRIEND AND ACTS AS AN INSPIRATION TO ME AS A NECESSARY
16 VOICE IN TROUBLED TIMES. SO SIMPLY TO GIVE MY COMMENDATIONS TO
17 THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION TO SAY THEY WILL BE KNOWN BY
18 MAKING THIS GOOD CHOICE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MISS CRAIG. REVEREND RIDE AND
21 BEFORE YOU START, SALAM AL-MARAYAH, COME ON DOWN. IS HE HERE?
22 OKAY. I'M SORRY ABOUT THE MISTAKE...

23

24 **REVEREND RIDE:** THAT'S FINE. IT'S HAPPENED BEFORE.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SHOCKED. I WON'T ASK YOU TO PRONOUNCE MY
2 NAME.

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4 **REVEREND RIDE:** I COULD. I, TOO, WANT TO THANK YOU AND, ON
5 BEHALF OF THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY, MANY OF US WERE AT THE
6 HUMAN RELATIONS HEARING BOTH YESTERDAY AND LAST WEEK AND IT
7 WAS CONTENTIOUS AND WE WANTED TO EXPRESS THIS AFTERNOON--
8 UNLESS IT'S STILL THIS MORNING, THAT THOSE OF US OF FAITH ALSO
9 LIKE TO SHOW UP TO SAY THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR ACTS OF
10 COURAGE AND AGAIN WE ARE SO HONORED TO BE SHARING THE COMPANY
11 WITH DR. MAHER HATHOUT. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. JORGE MARTINEZ AND THEN GILBERT
14 SALDANTE. COME ON DOWN. MR. MARTINEZ.

15

16 **JORGE MARTINEZ:** MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
17 I'M HERE TO MAKE A FEW COMMENTS ABOUT THE LACERA ELECTION
18 REPORT. YOU HAVE THAT. EVERY ONE OF YOU HAVE THAT. I'VE SPOKEN
19 TO SOME OF YOUR DEPUTIES AND THEY'RE VERY, VERY PROFESSIONAL
20 PEOPLE. I WAS THE CAMPAIGN MANAGER FOR PATRICIA SALGADO. SHE
21 IS ONE OF YOUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO WORKS FOR THE DEPARTMENT
22 OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND SHE ASKED ME TO BE HER CAMPAIGN MANAGER
23 AND I SAID I WILL, NOT KNOWING WHAT THE HECK I WAS GOING TO
24 GET INTO BUT I WILL SAY TWO THINGS. SHE WAS AN EXCELLENT
25 CANDIDATE. SHE RAN BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO BE A STRONG VOICE FOR



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1 WOMEN IN THE COUNTY AND HAVE MORE EQUAL REPRESENTATION ON THE
2 LACERA BOARD OF RETIREMENT. THE RESOLUTION THAT WAS ADOPTED BY
3 THE BOARD BACK IN MARCH OF 2006 HAS-- NEEDS TO BE ENHANCED,
4 NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED. I WILL SAY THAT MY CONVERSATIONS
5 WITH MR. DON GARCIA FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WERE EXCELLENT
6 AND I COMMEND HIM. UNFORTUNATELY, MANY DEPARTMENT HEADS AND
7 MANY, MANY, MANY LACERA ELECTION COORDINATORS DID NOT RESPECT
8 THE PROCESS. THEY WERE CONFRONTATIONAL AND UNCOOPERATIVE AND,
9 TO THAT EXTENT, I HAVE SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS AND I HOPE
10 THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED SERIOUSLY AND THOSE
11 INCIDENTS WILL BE INVESTIGATED SO THAT THOSE PEOPLE THAT DID
12 NOT HAVE RESPECT FOR THE RESOLUTION, DID NOT UNDERSTAND IT,
13 DID NOT-- WERE CAVALIER AND EVERYTHING ABOUT THAT, THAT THERE
14 WOULD BE-- THEY WOULD BE TALKED TO AND COUNSELED BECAUSE IT IS
15 IMPORTANT THAT THIS ATTITUDE CHANGE. I DON'T KNOW EXPECT LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY TO BE SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY SACRAMENTO COUNTY
17 BECAUSE IT'S VERY LARGE BUT THE ATTITUDE THAT PEOPLE HAVE
18 NEEDS TO CHANGE. SO I HOPE THAT THAT CHANGE WILL COME ABOUT.
19 ALSO, I WOULD SAY THAT THE LACERA ELECTION RESOLUTION IS--
20 PROBLEMS AND COMPLAINTS, IS NOTHING NEW BUT I WOULD HOPE THAT
21 YOU TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THAT AND THAT, YOU KNOW, YOU WILL MAKE
22 IT BETTER BECAUSE, WELL, COME ON, 12% TURNOUT, YOU KNOW, IS
23 PATHETIC. I MEAN, IT SEEMS LIKE VERY FEW PEOPLE TAKE INTEREST
24 IN THIS AND I THINK THAT THAT CAN BE IMPROVED AND SO I HOPE
25 THAT THAT WILL COME ABOUT. ALSO, I KNOW THAT MANY COUNTY



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1 EMPLOYEES DIDN'T RECEIVE A BALLOT AND THOSE THAT REQUESTED A
2 DUPLICATE, REQUESTED IT AFTER THE DATE HAD EXPIRED, DATE TO
3 REQUEST THE DUPLICATE. SO I HOPE THAT THAT WILL CHANGE
4 BECAUSE, OBVIOUSLY, YOU KNOW, MISS SALGADO HAD RECEIVED ALMOST
5 3,000 VOTES, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU'RE WELCOME. THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.
8 JAN, YOU'LL BE NEXT AND THEN LET ME CALL DORETTE YOUNG.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST ONE FOLLOW-UP ON THE GENTLEMAN'S...

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SIR?

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** REGARDS TO THAT-- NO, HE DOESN'T. IN REGARDS TO
15 THAT LETTER, THAT WAS A VERY SERIOUS ACCUSATION ABOUT
16 EMPLOYEES NOT RECEIVING BALLOTS, SO WE'D LIKE TO MAKE SURE WE
17 GET A FOLLOW-UP ON THAT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. JAN CICCICO.

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21 **JAN CICCICO:** YES. YOU HAD IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME. GOOD
22 AFTERNOON. I'M HERE REPRESENTING THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
23 CONSORTIUM ON HOMELESSNESS BUT I HAVE TO TAKE A FEW SECONDS OF
24 MY BRIEF TIME HERE TO COMMENT THAT THE CRENSHAW HIGH SCHOOL
25 ELITE CHOIR ROCKED THIS ROOM THIS MORNING. THEY WERE



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1 INCREDIBLE AND IT MADE THE CRAWL DOWN THE 10 FREEWAY HERE FROM
2 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND PUT IT RIGHT BEHIND ME THIS
3 MORNING, SO IT WAS REALLY WONDERFUL TO SEE THEM. I SPEAK TO
4 YOU ON BEHALF OF THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSORTIUM ON
5 HOMELESSNESS AND WE REPRESENT THOUSANDS OF HOMELESS MEN, WOMEN
6 AND CHILDREN IN THE SAN GABRIEL AND POMONA VALLEYS. FOR MORE
7 THAN 13 YEARS, OUR COALITION HAS PLANNED TOGETHER AND WORKED
8 TO ADDRESS THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES NEEDED BY THIS FRAGILE
9 POPULATION. WE HAVE 40 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,
10 CHURCHES, HOSPITALS, MEDICAL PROVIDERS, SCHOOLS OF EDUCATION,
11 PUBLIC AGENCIES AND SEVERAL CITIES THAT ARE AMONG THOSE OF US
12 IN THE COALITION THAT HAVE COMMITTED TO SERVE YOUR HOMELESS
13 POPULATION. OUR GEOGRAPHIC BORDER LIES WITHIN SPA 3 BOUNDARIES
14 AND, DUE TO THE NUMBER OF CITIES IN OUR GEOGRAPHIC BREADTH OF
15 THIS REGION, WE FACE MULTIPLE ISSUES IN ADDRESSING
16 HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE WE ARE SO SPREAD OUT AND IN SO MANY
17 JURISDICTIONS. AND, OF COURSE, WE'RE REPRESENTED BY THREE OF
18 THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS: MR. ANTONOVICH, MS. MOLINA AND MR.
19 KNABE. WE APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY THAT WE'VE HAD OVER THE
20 LAST SEVERAL MONTHS TO INFORM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE,
21 THROUGH THE STAKEHOLDERS PROCESS THAT WAS DIRECTED BY THIS
22 SUPERVISORS' BOARD, REGARDING THE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF
23 SERVICES, AS WELL AS THE NEEDS AND THE GAPS THAT WE'RE
24 EXPERIENCING THAT CAN BE ADDRESSED WITH THE L.A. COMMUNITY
25 HOUSING AND HOMELESS FUND THAT SUPERVISORS INITIATIVE. AND WE



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1 WERE PLEASED TO HOST A WELL ATTENDED STAKEHOLDERS MEETING AT
2 OUR CONSORTIUM. NOW WE FOLLOWED UP THAT PROCESS WITH SOME
3 INITIAL SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'VE PRESENTED TO THE
4 C.A.O.'S OFFICE REGARDING THE USE OF THIS FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
5 AND THESE SUGGESTIONS WOULD ALLOW US TO PROVIDE CURRENTLY
6 UNSERVED HOMELESS PERSONS WITH SERVICES THAT CAN BE
7 IMPLEMENTED BY AGENCIES THAT HAVE A REAL TRACK RECORD OF
8 EFFECTIVELY PROVIDING AND DELIVERING SERVICES, INCLUDING
9 SHELTER, HEALTHCARE, DENTAL, AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.
10 ADDITIONAL GAPS IN SERVICES AND UNSERVED POPULATIONS ARE GOING
11 TO BE IDENTIFIED OVER THE NEXT MONTH AS WE PREPARE FOR THE
12 R.F.P. PROCESS THAT WE ANTICIPATE WILL COME AFTER
13 CONSIDERATION AND HOPEFULLY APPROVAL OF THE C.A.O.'S
14 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND WE EAGERLY ANTICIPATE MEETING THESE
15 CURRENTLY UNMET NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION THAT WE
16 SERVE. WE WANT TO EFFECTIVELY AND QUICKLY MOVE INDIVIDUALS AND
17 FAMILIES FROM HOMELESSNESS TO STABILITY IN OUR REGION.

18
19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.

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21 **JAN CICCIO:** OH, I'M SORRY.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I KNOW, IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.

24
25 **JAN CICCIO:** I DIDN'T SEE A RED LIGHT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT IT'S OKAY. I THINK WE GOT YOUR MESSAGE.
3 THANK YOU AND THANKS FOR ALL THE GOOD WORK YOU'RE DOING.

4

5 **JAN CICCICO:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. AL-MARAYAH AND THEN HANG ON A SECOND,
8 RICHARD KRZYZANOWSKI. IS HE HERE? OKAY. GO AHEAD.

9

10 **SALAM AL-MARAYAH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
11 SUPERVISOR BURKE, SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR LETTING ME SPEAK FOR
12 THESE FEW MINUTES ABOUT THE SENTIMENT IN THE MUSLIM-AMERICAN
13 COMMUNITY. WE WANT TO THANK YOU AND THE COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS
14 COMMISSION FOR THE REAFFIRMATION YESTERDAY OF DR. MAHER
15 HATHOUT FOR THE JOHN ALLEN BUGS AWARD. DR. HATHOUT WILL BE THE
16 FIRST MUSLIM-AMERICAN EVER TO BE HONORED BY THE COMMISSION. IT
17 IS A TESTIMONY TO THE DIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES AND OUR GREAT
18 NATION THAT WE HAVE SELECTED A MAINSTREAM AMERICAN MUSLIM
19 LEADER FOR THAT AWARD. IT IS NOT JUST A REAFFIRMATION OF DR.
20 HATHOUT'S RECORD OF TOLERANCE AND DIALOGUE BUT IT IS A
21 REAFFIRMATION OF AMERICAN PLURALISM. AS WE SET OUT TO EXPLAIN
22 TO OUR CHILDREN AND FUTURE GENERATIONS THAT INTEGRATION INTO
23 OUR WONDERFUL SOCIETY IS THE ANSWER, NOT ISOLATION OR
24 GHETTOIZATION, THAT WE OFFER HOPE TO THOSE WHO WANT TO
25 MAINTAIN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU, THE BOARD



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1 OF SUPERVISORS, FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP IN PARTNERSHIP
2 WITH COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WHO ARE IN DIALOGUE WITH
3 EACH OTHER. SOME PEOPLE HAVE STATED THAT THE DIALOGUE IS DEAD.
4 I WANT TO SAY THE DIALOGUE IS IS ALIVE, IT NEEDS HELP, IT
5 NEEDS POLITICAL LEADERSHIP BUT IT IS NOT DEAD. WE CAN PROMOTE
6 A BETTER WAY FOR CIVIL DISCOURSE THROUGH BETTER HUMAN
7 RELATIONS. WE WANT TO THANK THE JEWISH-AMERICANS AND
8 CHRISTIANS AND PEOPLE OF OTHER FAITHS YESTERDAY WHO CAME OUT
9 IN SUPPORT OF DR. HATHOUT, LIKE RABBI LEONARD BIRAMAN, LIKE
10 RABBI NEIL COMOS DANIELS AND LIKE THE MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH
11 ALLIANCE, THE PROGRESSIVE JEWISH ALLIANCE, AND WE ARE
12 EXTENDING OUR HANDS TO ALL GROUPS IN LOS ANGELES TO ENGAGE IN
13 CIVIL DISCOURSE AND TALK ABOUT NOT ONLY WHAT WE AGREE ABOUT
14 AND NOT ONLY HOW WE CAN DEVELOP MEANS OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING
15 AND MUTUAL TRUST BETWEEN EACH OTHER AND FOR OUR FUTURE
16 GENERATIONS BUT HOW WE CAN DISAGREE ABOUT THE CONTENTIOUS
17 ISSUES THAT EMANATE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST. THAT'S IN THE BEST
18 INTEREST OF AMERICA. OUR GREATEST ANECDOTE TO EXTREMISM IS
19 EMPOWERING THE MAINSTREAM AND THE L.A. COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS
20 COMMISSION EMPOWERED THE MAINSTREAM YESTERDAY. IT TOOK A
21 POSITIVE STEP. I KNOW THAT, IN THE PAST, JEWISH-AMERICANS WERE
22 LOCKED OUT OF CITY POLITICS AND AFRICAN-AMERICANS WERE LOCKED
23 OUT OF THE CITY AS WELL. AND SO HAVE BEEN MANY OTHER
24 MINORITIES. I AM PROUD TO SAY, AS A CITIZEN AND RESIDENT OF
25 LOS ANGELES, THAT MUSLIM-AMERICANS ARE NOT LOCKED OUT AND



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1 THERE IS HOPE AND WE'RE VERY PROUD AS AMERICANS AND AS
2 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. GILBERT SALDANTE, YOU'LL BE NEXT
5 AND ETHEL JOHNSON. IS ETHEL JOHNSON HERE? ALL RIGHT. COME ON
6 DOWN. MR. SALDANTE.

7

8 **GILBERT SALDANTE:** YES. MY NAME IS GILBERT SALDANTE. I WORK FOR
9 TRI-CITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER BUT ALSO A MEMBER OF EAST SAN
10 GABRIEL COALITION AND ALSO WAS CO-CHAIR FOR THE 10 YEAR
11 CAMPAIGN OF THE BLUE RIBBON PANEL REGARDING HOMELESSNESS.
12 FIRST OFF, I DO WANT TO GIVE CREDIT TO THE COUNTY FOR THE
13 GREAT WORK THAT THE COUNTY HAS DONE THROUGH THE C.A.O.'S
14 OFFICE AND ALL THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS REALLY BECAUSE, SINCE THE
15 10 YEAR CAMPAIGN TOOK PLACE IN THE COUNTY, PARTICIPANTS FROM
16 THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS GOT ON BOARD WITH IT, BEGAN TO MAKE
17 REALLY, REALLY DRASTIC CHANGES IN REGARDS TO HELPING HOMELESS
18 INDIVIDUALS AND I'VE SEEN THE CHANGE, EVEN IN THE CITY OF
19 POMONA AND OTHER AREAS WHERE COUNTY BUILDINGS ARE IN ASSISTING
20 THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS. BUT I'M HERE FOR A REASON. I'VE SAT
21 ON THE C.A.O. COMMITTEE MEETINGS THAT THEY WOULD HAVE FOR THIS
22 HOMELESS INITIATIVE FUNDING AND STUFF, AND I ALWAYS SAID THE
23 SAME THING AND I'M GOING TO SAY IT AGAIN TODAY. EAST SAN
24 GABRIEL HAS NEVER REALLY EVER GOT ITS FAIR SHARE OF FUNDING
25 REGARDING L.A.H.S.A. AND ALL THROUGH THE YEARS AND REALLY



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1 NEVER GOT THE MONEY TO REALLY DO THE SERVICES THAT ARE NEEDED
2 WITHIN THAT REGION. TODAY-- I MEAN, NEXT WEEK, YOU'RE GOING TO
3 BE VOTING ON SOMETHING REGARDING THE DOLLAR AMOUNT BUT, IF WE
4 CAN SEE FAIR SHARE TAKE PLACE, THE TWO OTHER MEMBERS ARE NOT
5 HERE THAT ALSO REPRESENT THAT REGION BUT I THINK THREE ARE
6 HERE AND YOU ARE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND YOU ALL HAVE
7 A VOICE AND BE A VOICE FOR OUR REGION THAT, WHEN THIS MONEY IS
8 DISBURSED, THE 32 MILLION THAT GO OUT TO THE COMMUNITY,
9 BECAUSE THERE'S A PORTION THAT IS SET ASIDE ALREADY FOR COUNTY
10 DEPARTMENTS, THAT THERE BE A FAIR SHARE, THAT EAST SAN
11 GABRIEL, THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA GETS ITS PORTION OF THE
12 PIE BECAUSE, HISTORICALLY, WE NEVER GOT IT. AGENCIES FROM
13 OTHER AREAS BEGAN TO WANT THE MONEY, WANT THE MONEY AND IT
14 SEEMS TO ALWAYS GET PULLED FROM SAN GABRIEL, SO BE A VOICE FOR
15 US, PLEASE. WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE REALLY DONE A GREAT JOB AND
16 REALLY CARED FOR THE HOMELESS ISSUES AND WE SEE THE CHANGE AND
17 I'VE WATCHED THE CHANGE AND I'VE LOOKED AT THE THINGS OF THE
18 10-YEAR PLAN, THE CAMPAIGN AND HAVE SEEN THE COUNTY REALLY
19 COME UP TO BAT. I MEAN, I'VE BEEN IN THE HOMELESS FIELD 17
20 YEARS AND, IN THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, I'VE SEEN-- THIS L.A.
21 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH ITS DEPARTMENTS COME UP TO
22 BAT AND BEGIN TO START A MOMENTUM REGARDING HOMELESS ISSUES
23 AND LET'S KEEP IT GOING. BUT LET'S REMEMBER THAT THERE IS A
24 SECTION OF SAN GABRIEL THAT DOESN'T GET ITS FAIR SHARE AND,
25 WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE, AT LEAST SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT? SAN



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1 GABRIEL NEEDS TO GET ITS PORTION, ITS MONEY'S GOT TO BE THERE
2 SO THE AGENCIES CAN BEGIN TO DO THE WORK THAT IS SO BADLY
3 NEEDED FOR THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE THERE IN THAT
4 COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. IS ADIH MAHMUD-- DORETTE YOUNG?

7

8 **DORETTE YOUNG:** I'M HERE. HI. MY NAME IS DORETTE YOUNG AND I
9 CAME HERE TO SPEAK ON IMMIGRATION. HOWEVER, I WAS ADVISED THAT
10 IMMIGRATION IS A FEDERAL ISSUE AND THIS IS A COUNTY ISSUE SO
11 THIS WAS NOT THE FORUM FOR THAT. I WILL BE MOVING TO VAN NUYS
12 BY THE END OF THE WEEK AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY, YOU'RE THE HEAD OF
13 THE THIRD DISTRICT AND THAT WILL BE THE THIRD DISTRICT THAT I
14 WILL BE MOVING TO. I WAS WONDERING IF I COULD MEET WITH YOU AT
15 SOME POINT TO GET SOME POINTERS ACROSS TO YOU OR YOU COULD
16 TELL ME HOW THIS IS WORKED SO I CAN PUT ACROSS SOME IDEAS THAT
17 I HAVE THAT I KNOW ARE FEASIBLE, THAT DO HAVE FEASIBILITY AND
18 JUST GET STRAIGHT THEM TO THE POINT AND GET THEM TO WHOEVER IS
19 OUT THERE. WHAT I DO HAVE IS A PRESENTATION BUT IT'S ALL OF 15
20 MINUTES AND THAT'S TOO LONG FOR HERE, SO THANK YOU FOR HAVING
21 ME. IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO TELL ME, WHERE TO GO,
22 THE TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR ME TO CALL, WHERE I CAN SPEAK TO...
23



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL HAVE MY DEPUTY-- IS HE HERE?
2 YES. YEAH. I'LL HAVE-- MY DEPUTY WILL TALK TO YOU AND GET YOUR
3 PHONE NUMBER AND STUFF, OKAY?

4

5 **DORETTE YOUNG:** OKAY.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO JUST STICK AROUND HERE. THANK YOU. MR.
8 KRZYZANOWSKI.

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10 **RICHARD KRZYZANOWSKI:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE
11 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS RICHARD KRZYZANOWSKI. I BELIEVE, AT
12 THE MOMENT, I MAY HAVE THE DISTINCTION OF HAVING THE MOST
13 DIFFICULT TO PRONOUNCE NAME IN THE ROOM BUT I'M ALSO HERE AS
14 THE VICE PRESIDENT OF OUR COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES. I
15 WAS APPOINTED BY THE HONORABLE GLORIA MOLINA AND I'VE BEEN
16 PROUD TO SERVE FOR THE LAST FEW YEARS THE PEOPLE OF THE FIRST
17 DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY AT LARGE. I'M ALSO THE CHAIR OF THE
18 PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF OUR COMMISSION AND I'M HERE IN
19 THAT CAPACITY TODAY, TO GIVE YOU A GENTLE REMINDER OF AND TO
20 ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR OUR UPCOMING 15TH ANNUAL ACCESS
21 AWARDS LUNCHEON. THIS WILL BE HELD AT THE DOROTHY CHANDLER
22 PAVILION ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH. OUR THEME THIS YEAR WILL
23 BE DISABLED DOES NOT MEAN UNABLE, AND WE'LL BE CELEBRATING 31
24 YEARS OF ADVOCACY AND ACCESSIBILITY. WE WILL RECOGNIZE 10
25 OUTSTANDING PROGRAMS AND INDIVIDUALS WHICH HAVE POSITIVELY



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1 IMPACTED PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY AND THIS IS OUR MAJOR ANNUAL EVENT. BEYOND HONORING THE
3 AWARDEES, THIS IS OUR MAIN FUNDRAISING VEHICLE FOR OUR BILL
4 TANTER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDES FINANCIAL
5 ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE ENTERING INTO
6 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION. IT ALSO SUPPORTS OUR GROWING
7 COMMISSION OUTREACH ACTIVITIES WHICH TAKES US COMMISSIONERS
8 OUT INTO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE AND ENABLES US TO BRING BACK
9 INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION AND HOPEFULLY TO YOU. YOU CAN
10 SUPPORT OUR COMMISSION BY PURCHASING A TABLE AT THIS OCTOBER
11 EVENT OR BY TAKING OUT AN AD IN THE EVENT PROGRAM. BOTH
12 OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT A VARIETY OF LEVELS AND, BOY, AM I
13 SOUNDING LIKE A SALESMAN OR WHAT? MAYOR ANTONOVICH HAS ALREADY
14 COMMITTED TO TWO TABLES AND WE'RE NEGOTIATING FOR A FULL-PAGE
15 AD, SO I JUST ENCOURAGE ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS TO JOIN MAYOR
16 ANTONOVICH IN SUPPORTING THIS IMPORTANT EVENT FOR THE
17 DISABILITIES COMMUNITY. FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU CAN FEEL
18 FREE TO CONTACT MISS DIDI WARD AT OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE
19 COMMISSION SERVICES DIVISION, AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
20 TIME.

21
22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. IS BRUCE PERELMAN HERE? ETHEL
23 JOHNSON.



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1 **ETHEL JOHNSON:** I SAY GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS. YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME. I'M ASKING FOR-- I'M
3 ASKING FOR A FAVOR. I HAVE-- I GOT A LETTER FROM C.C.A., WHICH
4 IS IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, ASKING ME IF I WOULD-- IF I NEEDED A
5 CHARTER. NOW, I WORK IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, WHICH IS YVONNE
6 BURKE'S DISTRICT, I HAD A INJURY AND I WENT TO PICK UP AN
7 OFFICER FROM LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT OVER IN LA MERCK
8 PARK AND I HAD A VERY, VERY, VERY, VERY TERRIBLE ACCIDENT
9 BECAUSE, USUALLY, I'M UP AT 4:00 IN THE MORNING AND, IN THE
10 DISTRICT, I HELP EVERYONE, EVEN IN COMPTON, I'M THERE ABOUT
11 7:30 WITH MAYOR FARADINE AND I JUST WANT TO KNOW IF I CAN GET
12 SOME HELP. I WAS ON MY WAY TO SACRAMENTO AND I JUST GOT HIT
13 AND, YOU KNOW, BLANKED OUT BUT I WAS IN PROCESS OF GETTING A,
14 YOU KNOW, A CHARTER, A CHARTER, THEY ASKED ME-- THEY WOULD
15 HELP ME. THEY WOULD, YOU KNOW, GIVE ME MONEY BUT I'M ONLY
16 ASKING FOR ONE THING. I'M AN ALTERNATE. NOBODY KNOWS REALLY
17 WHO I AM. I'M AN ALTERNATE AND I GOT 40 VOTES, I WORK WITH
18 PETER MATTHEWS. SINCE 1995, I WAS AN ALTERNATE. I GOT THOSE
19 VOTES TO BE ON THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SO SOMETIMES
20 YOU SEE ME AND SOMETIMES YOU DON'T. THEY'RE REGISTERED VOTER
21 IN NORWALK. SO, I MEAN, CAN I TALK TO SOMEONE THAT-- I NEED
22 SOME HELP.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE:** OVER HERE, CHUCK MCKENNA WILL TALK TO YOU.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE'LL TALK TO YOU. ADIH MAHMUD.

2

3 **ADIH MAHMUD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE EAST
4 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSORTIUM ON HOMELESSNESS WITH SERVICE
5 PROVIDERS IN ALL 32 CITIES THROUGHOUT SPA 3. WE STRONGLY URGE
6 YOU TO CONSIDER ONE, CONSORTIUM'S PROPOSAL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE
7 SUPPORT TO INCREASE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR COLLECTIVE
8 EFFORTS IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, PROPOSALS BY SERVICE
9 PROVIDERS IN SPA 3 THAT SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR HOMELESS AND
10 AT-RISK HOMELESSNESS POPULATION. THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY
11 HAS BEEN THE STEPCHILD OF FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS FOR TOO LONG.
12 WE ARE GRATEFUL IN THE C.A.O.'S CORPORATION AND LOOK FORWARD
13 TO GREATER EFFECTIVENESS IN SERVING OUR HOMELESS AND AT-RISK
14 OF HOMELESSNESS CONSTITUENTS.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MISS MAHMUD. MR.
17 PEARLMAN.

18

19 **BRUCE PERELMAN:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY
20 NAME IS BRUCE PERELMAN. I UNDERSTAND THAT GEORGE MARTINEZ
21 ADDRESSED YOU A FEW MINUTES AGO REGARDING THE LACERA
22 ELECTIONS. HE CALLED ME LAST WEEK AND TOLD ME HE WAS GOING TO
23 COME IN AND EXPLAIN TO ME WHAT HE WAS GOING TO PRESENT, SO I
24 FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT I TAKE SOME TIME OFF WORK TODAY,
25 WHICH I DID, TO COME IN TO ESSENTIALLY CORROBORATE WHAT HE'S



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1 TOLD YOU. NO MATTER HOW EXCELLENT A CANDIDATE MISS SALGADO
2 WAS, SHE NEVER HAD A CHANCE. I HAVE BEEN A CANDIDATE IN THE
3 LACERA ELECTIONS A NUMBER OF TIMES OVER THE LAST 13 YEARS.
4 I'VE READ MR. MARTINEZ'S REPORT AND I WANTED TO SHARE WITH YOU
5 THAT I'VE HAD THE SAME TYPES OF EXPERIENCES IN NEARLY EVERY
6 ELECTION. IN FACT, I WOULD CALL THE INSTANCE HE DESCRIBED AS
7 FAIRLY TYPICAL BUT I WANTED TO ADD ONE THING. THAT IS, THAT
8 MATTERS ARE GETTING WORSE. THE NUMBER ONE REASON IS MONEY.
9 WHEN A SINGLE SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP PONIES UP WELL OVER
10 \$100,000 FOR AN EMPLOYEE ELECTION, AS IS NOW HAPPENING, YOU
11 HAVE, AT A MINIMUM, THE APPEARANCE OF CORRUPTION. SEEK
12 LEGISLATION IF YOU HAVE TO BUT PLEASE ESTABLISH CONTRIBUTION
13 LIMITS WITH EXPLICIT PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. THE SECOND
14 REASON IS THAT LEGITIMATE CAMPAIGNS CANNOT GET THEIR
15 LITERATURE TO THE VOTERS. THE RULES ALLOW FOR POSTINGS BUT, AS
16 MR. MARTINEZ POINTED OUT, AND I, TOO, HAVE EXPERIENCED, OFTEN
17 POSTINGS IS NOT PERMITTED WHEN YOU GET OUT TO THE FIELD. BUT
18 EVEN IF YOU FIX THAT, THROUGH IMPROVED TRAINING AND SUCH, IT
19 DOES NOTHING TO STOP THE NOW ROUTINE TACTIC OF SIMPLY
20 FOLLOWING A CANDIDATE AROUND AND REMOVING THEIR FLIERS AFTER
21 THEY POST THEM. STUNNINGLY, THIS TACTIC NEITHER VIOLATES THE
22 CURRENT RULES NOR IS A BASIS TO INVALIDATE THE ELECTION. THE
23 EXECUTIVE OFFICE TOLD ME THAT THERE IS SIMPLY NOTHING THEY CAN
24 DO TO STOP IT. THERE IS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO, THOUGH. SOLVE
25 THE COMMUNICATION PROBLEM BY PUBLISHING THE CANDIDATES'



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1 STATEMENTS IN THE COUNTY DIGEST AND VIA EMAIL BY ADDING THIS
2 TO THE RESOLUTION AND MAKING IT PART OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF
3 THE ELECTION. YOU ALREADY MAIL THE STATEMENTS BUT MANY PEOPLE
4 NEVER SEE THEM. NOTHING PROHIBITS YOU FROM PUBLISHING THE
5 STATEMENTS AND THE COST IS FAR LESS THAN THE COST TO THE
6 TAXPAYERS OF HAVING A SYSTEM WHERE INFLUENCE HAS BEEN CEDED IN
7 THOSE WILLING AND ABLE TO INVEST OVER \$100,000. CONSIDER THE
8 MATH. IF THE RETURN ON OUR PENSION FUND IS LOWERED BY JUST ONE
9 PERCENT OF ONE PERCENT OF VALUE OF THE FUND BECAUSE THE
10 POLITICAL AGENDA OF THE \$100,000 INVESTORS TAKES PRECEDENCE
11 OVER RETURNS, THAT WILL COST THE TAXPAYERS OF LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY OVER \$3 MILLION EACH YEAR. THAT'S OVER \$9 MILLION
13 DURING A SINGLE THREE YEAR LACERA TERM. I DO WANT TO
14 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR BOARD AND, IN PARTICULAR, SUPERVISOR
15 GLORIA MOLINA'S EFFORTS, HAVE CAUSED THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO
16 START TAKING THESE ELECTIONS MORE SERIOUSLY. AS AN EMPLOYEE
17 AND AS A TAXPAYER, I THANK YOU FOR THAT. I NOW APPEAL TO THE
18 ENTIRE BOARD TO DIRECT STAFF TO CLEAN UP THIS ELECTION PROCESS
19 BY CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE INTERNAL TRAINING, LIMITING
20 CONTRIBUTIONS, THAT'S THE BIG ONE, AND PUBLISHING CANDIDATE
21 STATEMENTS PRIOR TO THE MAILING OF THE BALLOTS. THANK YOU VERY
22 MUCH.

23
24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHO WAS THE \$100,000 CONTRIBUTOR?
25



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1 **BRUCE PERELMAN:** THEY PUT IN THROUGH IN-KIND SERVICES, S.E.I.U.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THANK YOU. BY THE WAY, I'M ALL FOR
4 DISSEMINATING THE CANDIDATES' STATEMENTS BUT I THINK YOU COULD
5 PUT ONE CANDIDATE STATEMENT IN AND IT WOULD REPLICATE EVERY
6 ONE OF THEM. I HAVE NEVER FOUND SUCH BALDERDASH IN VIRTUALLY
7 EVERY CANDIDATE STATEMENT FOR THE RETIREMENT BOARD THAT I'VE
8 EVER SEEN. THEY ALL SAY THE SAME THING: WE'RE GOING TO GIVE
9 YOU PLAN A, WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU PIE IN THE SKY, BY AND BY,
10 GO TO HEAVEN, DO NOT PASS GO, DO NOT COLLECT \$200. IT'S
11 NONSENSE BUT EVERYBODY IS ENTITLED TO READ THE NONSENSE, SO I
12 THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA. UNFORTUNATELY, I HAVE NEVER BEEN ABLE
13 TO GLEAN ONE IOTA OF DIFFERENCE AMONG THE CANDIDATES BECAUSE
14 THEY ALL SAY EXACTLY THE SAME THING IN EVERY SINGLE ELECTION,
15 PRESENT COMPANY INCLUDED, MR. PERELMAN. MS. BURKE?

16

17 **SUP. BURKE:** MAYBE WE COULD PROVIDE ON THE WEBSITE EACH
18 CANDIDATE HAVING A CHANCE FOR A SHORT STATEMENT AND PICTURE
19 AND THEIR BACKGROUND OR SOMETHING ON OUR COUNTY WEBSITE AND,
20 WHEN WE DO GET THE CABLE THAT IS-- INDEPENDENT CABLE, PERHAPS
21 WE COULD PROVIDE SOMETHING FOR THEM.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I THINK WE OUGHT TO-- I THINK IT'S A
24 GREAT IDEA AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO LOOK AT A WHOLE BUNCH OF
25 THINGS THAT WE CAN DO TO BETTER FACILITATE BUT NOTHING WILL



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1 FACILITATE A GOOD ELECTION BETTER THAN HONEST, INTELLECTUALLY
2 HONEST CANDIDATES WHO TELL THE TRUTH. WHEN YOU SAY YOU'RE
3 GOING TO GO FROM PLAN D TO PLAN A, YOU TALK ABOUT \$3 MILLION A
4 YEAR? TELL PEOPLE IT WILL COST YOU \$12 BILLION A YEAR TO DO
5 WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT DOING. I'M A MEMBER OF THIS
6 RETIREMENT SYSTEM, TOO, EVERY ONE OF US IS AND I TAKE THAT
7 ELECTION VERY SERIOUSLY, AND I ACTUALLY CALL AROUND, SNIFF
8 AROUND, FIND OUT WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE BECAUSE NOBODY KNOWS WHO
9 THESE PEOPLE ARE AND I'M A COUNTY SUPERVISOR AND I DON'T KNOW
10 WHO THESE PEOPLE ARE WHO ARE RUNNING. BUT THE ONE THING THAT I
11 HAVE ALWAYS RESENTED ABOUT POLITICIANS, INCLUDING THE REAL
12 ONES WHO RUN FOR OFFICE HERE, YOU KNOW, FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE,
13 IS PEOPLE WHO SAY THINGS THAT THEY KNOW DAMN WELL THEY CANNOT
14 DELIVER ON, EVER, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES. AND, YOU KNOW, I
15 BELIEVE IN FREEDOM OF SPEECH BUT I BELIEVE ALSO IN EXPOSING
16 STUFF. ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, MR. PERELMAN. MEMBERS OF THE
17 BOARD, I'VE JUST BEEN INFORMED, AND I'M VERY SORRY TO HEAR
18 THIS, THAT, AND, YVONNE, YOU MAY WANT TO JOIN ME ON THIS,
19 SEYMOUR ROBINSON PASSED AWAY. SEYMOUR DIED AT THE AGE OF 90
20 LAST WEEK. BORN IN CHICAGO, MOVED TO LOS ANGELES, MOVED TO THE
21 PICO-FAIRFAX AREA, WHERE HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY. WHEN
22 I BECAME A COUNCILMAN, HE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE PICO-
23 FAIRFAX, PICO-LA CIENEGA COMMUNITY IN DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS
24 BETWEEN AFRICAN- AMERICAN AND ANGLO RESIDENTS AND THEN IN PAN
25 PACIFIC PARK, HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PAN PACIFIC PARK ADVISORY



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1 COMMITTEE, WAS VERY KEY TO HELPING DEVELOP THE MOMENTUM THAT
2 CREATED THE PAN PACIFIC PARK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CITY AND
3 THE COUNTY AT THAT TIME. HE WAS A COMMISSIONER FOR MAYOR
4 BRADLEY, HE WAS ON A NUMBER OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES FOR MAYOR
5 BRADLEY, HE WAS ON THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE FOR THE CITY
6 OF LOS ANGELES AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS EQUALLY ACTIVE WIFE,
7 ANITA ROBINSON, CHILDREN: DAVID, LORRAINE, AND BILLY ROBINSON,
8 AND HIS GRANDDAUGHTER, RACHEL AND MAURA WOODS-ROBINSON. THEY
9 WERE REALLY GREAT-- HE WAS A REALLY GREAT CITIZEN OF OUR
10 COMMUNITY.

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12 **SUP. BURKE:** I'LL JOIN.

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT-- I'LL GET YOU THE
15 INFORMATION. THAT JUST CAME OVER. WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT'S--
16 IS THERE A MOTION TO ADJOURN?

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18 **SUP. BURKE:** SO MOVED.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE STAND ADJOURNED. [SCATTERED APPLAUSE]

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